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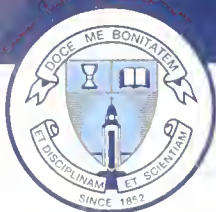
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Dear Alumni & Friends:

The start of every school year engenders both excitement and nervousness. We are excited to be back with our colleagues and students and to be involved in all the activities that we enjoy, but we are also nervous about the new challenges that may face us.

This fall perhaps there is a bit more nervousness than usual as the St. Michael's community embarks on the road to raising money to build a new performing arts center and continue the process that will enable us to begin construction next summer. Many of us are also involved in supporting the development of the new Catholic independent girls' school, Holy Name of Mary College School, which will open in September 2008.

Fortunately, as Catholic Christians, we know that God is with us and God's Spirit is present in and through everything that we undertake. We also know that we are part of a very strong and supportive community that is St. Michael's College School, and that we can count on this community for all different kinds of support!

As we start this school year then, we give thanks to God for bringing us to this new beginning and we ask God, in the words of the psalmist, to "bless all our endeavours and plans."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Joe Redican C.S.B." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Joe Redican C.S.B.
President & CEO



“If any of you see an injustice, you are no longer a spectator....”

Since the last publication, we have lost some public icons, notably June Callwood, and Ed Mirvish. Coupled with their passing, I was further struck by a comment made by Michael “Pinball” Clemons on the nature of what it is to be a good person. “None of these “doers” needs an introduction about his or her good works and contributions to society. If deeds speak, then it is worth noting what they have said and what “doers” have said about them.” In this issue of the *Blue Banner*, in their own words and actions, you will learn about what our graduates and community members are doing beyond our borders.

“If any of you happen to see an injustice, you are no longer a spectator; you are a participant, and you have an obligation to do something.” Those were words June Callwood left us as a legacy of her selflessness. From Ed Mirvish, we can all draw the lesson never to turn our backs on another when we make it to the top. Instead, he turned his front to us and we are better because of that. The *Toronto Star’s*, columnist, Richard Ouzounian, said, “his smile was a tonic; his laughter a vacation; his handshake a benediction.” For Clemons, it is his “job to look at players as people and see how we can make them better. It really is magic. By becoming better people, they become better football players” (or anything else they desire to be). For him, being “the ultimate role model” is the Toronto Argonaut mission statement.

What do all these people have in common? They were, and are, all active believers who wanted to make things happen. They were committed to helping influence public policy. Their lives were driven by “courage, vision, volunteerism, hope and love for humanity,” as Casey House chair, Jaime Watt, said of June Callwood. They all fought personal frustration and at times despair. Above all, it makes one feel proud and honoured to be in their company. That is important — to feel comfortable with another human being.

Well, we have our own public figures who have struggled, felt frustration and indeed, at times, felt defeat, but they prevailed. Witness the efforts of Pat Hannigan ‘56, while undergoing dialysis, finds the time and energy to give birth to Casa El Norte, a safe house in Fort Erie for refugees, kept alive through efforts of family and friends. Sister Susan Moran, O.L.M. and her co-workers have brightened the faces of those who have received help and hope in her Out of the Cold missionary work. Continuing in the struggle to reach out beyond borders, is Larry Schmidt ‘61 and fellow SMCS grads in their work with the Basilian mission in Colombia; who can forget the ever smiling, gentle and friendly Fr. Rocco Volpe C.S.B. ‘48 who reached out to many in his priestly-teaching ministry. We welcome too, Jim Gregory ‘55 and his tireless effort in his rise from trainer to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Yes, we recognize and pay tribute to these “doers” and role models as we do to all those teachers who continue to inspire, instruct and form future St. Mike’s grads as evident in testimonials, sports and community involvement.

In their refusal to be merely spectators, they all saw a need, acted upon it and through their smiles, courage and love, they continue to give hope to others. We are all blessed by their handshake. It really is magic.

Joe Younder

Joe Younder ‘56
Editor, *Blue Banner*

Letters to the Editor

"Congratulations on a very well-produced edition of the Blue Banner. You went beyond a mere chatty account of tidbits. Your attention to life-long friendships developed, to the impressive social service of so many graduates, to the warmth of the whole issue, touched me and made me proud to be a part of SMCS. The articles are filled with biographical details, carefully chosen photos, a wide variety of topics not solely devoted to successful professionals as commendable as their achievements are. It struck me that these graduates are quality men, alive and connected, generous and of solid need. They comfort one another when the fragility of life takes a friend to God in death. They celebrate the joys and trials of family. They exude loyalty to one another. Really, they are quite remarkable. This is the 50th anniversary of my graduation (really, 1958). I am looking forward to celebrating it at the Turkey Roll on **Friday, November 30, 2007**. With gratitude for your efforts and accomplishment in Christ's joy, hope, freedom, and peace.

Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '58

"I thoroughly enjoyed the recent Blue Banner. What wonderful memories to see all the names from the 1950's as well as pictures of my former classmates. How come Pete Grossi '54 has so much hair while many of us other alumni are going bald? When I rowed with Pete in an eight-oared shell in the 50's, I had more hair then he did. It was great seeing pictures of the players and names of others when I was manager for the Majors. Congratulations on a job well done!"

Harold Moffatt '52

"Congratulations to you and your staff on a great issue and superb coverage of the 100 Years of Hockey. I am enclosing old Blue Banners and letters from the 1970 - 80's for the archives. I have many fond memories when I served on the Alumni executive and still keep in touch with the gang."

Harry Ho

"Great edition, top quality and lots of worthwhile information over many decades. The deep feelings and loyalty of the old school came through loud and clear on each page. There is really no doubting the immense impact our time at St. Mike's had on all of us, academically, spiritually, and in all-over character. We were indeed privileged to be part of that special institution in those formative high school years. The experiences and deep-rooted friendships really have stayed with us throughout our lives, no matter the various directions we have taken. Thanks for those pictures with Fr. Brian [unclear] C.S.B. '47, Dick De [unclear], Dave [unclear] and Gene [unclear] '54. Now there's a foursome that oozes grit, talent, determination and character. What other institution of any kind could randomly pick four better examples of what our school was, is and should be? Makes me want to sing McNamara's Band (but don't get Cuccia started, or we'd be here all night!). Thanks again and all the best to everyone at the school who continues to make it all happen."

Angelo Cuccia

"I just received and read through the entire Blue Banner, and I can only begin to tell you of the smile on my face as I flipped through the pages, each bringing back fond memories. It was also great to see the class of '84 picture. I have shown the Banner to my two daughters and wife. It shows them the great lessons St. Mike's left on many of us as young boys, men and fathers. I remember those five fabulous years as if they were yesterday and continue to cherish the memories you evoke through the timeless Blue Banner. Many thanks for all the goodness, discipline and knowledge."

Ralph J. [unclear]

"I just wanted to offer my congratulations on an outstanding issue of the Blue Banner. I actually read it from cover to cover and found it thoroughly entertaining and informative. Thank you for all the time and effort that went into this quality production."

Tom [unclear]

"Hey Joe, I just received my copy of the Blue Banner. Again, a great job even if my name was spelled incorrectly (in bold print) on page six. I did notice a typo under your editorial regarding your year. I knew you're old but graduating in '45? You did a great job on eliminating pictures of Dan. I hope he's not too miffed. However, I still saw three of you in there. Seriously, a great issue. Well done. I assume there will be a write-up on the 50th anniversary of the class of '57. It was a great get-together. There are now seven members of that class living in the Ottawa area. We had our first gathering and are on the lookout for more grads. My knee is healing and my hip will be mended before we leave on our trip to Italy. What's with that picture of you on page five? Get a hair cut, old buddy. I'm still having some problems reading the light blue print against the white back ground. Work on it, will you? Ciao."

John McCusker '57

John: Thanks for your comments. You missed the cross country skiing picture on p.23. Ted Schmidt ' has done the reunion write-up. Thanks for the great job you are doing contacting grads in the Ottawa area. Watch your step in Italy! I know you're losing your hair but your eyes are still good. Stay well. J.Y.

"I want to congratulate all of you for the excellent Blue Banner, the best I have ever read. I remember going through past issues in the archives for my research and the present Banner stands out as a "slick" and highly readable magazine."

Larry Colle '68

"I applaud your mentioning Fr. Wally Platt's, C.S.B. '42 book on the Basilians but don't forget Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. '42 and the graduates before 1950."

Desmond J. Fitzgerald '42 (Retired Professor, University of San Francisco)

Desmond, it is our intention to profile Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. in the next issue. Editor

"Congratulations Romeo on your appointment as President of the Alumni Association and a fond salute to Peter Thurton '02. The revamped Blue Banner is eye-pleasing, and its content informative as I read of the whereabouts of many familiar grads. The Blue Banner has always found me somewhere in my travels from Ontario to Hong Kong, Sweden, Peru, Panama and Nova Scotia. At times I barely glanced at it but, I fully digested the most recent issue. My time at St. Mike's was a Pandora's Box of experiences exposing me to many cultures and economic diversifications. Friends were made and kept in all groups. This exposure made it possible for me to adapt to the many life-styles I encountered in South Asia and South and Central America. In addition, I learned to appreciate the dedication of the Basilian Fathers and lay staff who instilled in me a sense of justice and fair play."

John Swales '81

Editor's Note: The Blue Banner invites readers to send us their thoughts for publication. Letters should be concise and topical. The Blue Banner reserves the right to edit submitted articles.



Moments in Our History

I hope that you all had a safe and relaxing summer. As I start my second year as your alumni president, I thought it would be a good idea to have a "message" or "theme" to mark the 2007/2008 school year. My theme this year is "Moments in Our History". I want you to reflect on the moments in your SMCS history that have had a profound affect on your life, moments that may have quite possibly changed your path in life. Teachers, priests, coaches, classmates, all the people you have met and/or experiences and events that have defined who you are, are a part of this reflection.

In my life, the role models I had growing up at St. Mike's included Fr. Zinger, Coach [unclear], [unclear], Clemente Grassi and [unclear] to name a few.

The recent passing of [unclear], made me reflect a great deal on his life, accomplishments, commitment to God, and his incredible circle of family and friends. He was a great SMCS alumnus and friend. He was very giving and supported those in need. [unclear] was my Italian teacher and I remember his good nature and sense of humour even when some of us tried to skip his class by jumping out the window of his St. Clare House classroom. As alumni, we should be forever grateful to him and those men who have dedicated their lives for a higher purpose.

The primary focus of your Alumni Association is to help you stay connected, keep you informed about life at St. Mike's, and continue to foster the spirit of St. Michael's—a community of belonging through various social and spiritual events. We are an Association that wants to keep you involved in St. Michael's College School. Therefore, I extend an invitation to you to become active members of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association hosts a number of events throughout the year. These activities include: *Homecoming* which will take place on **Saturday, October 13th**; and, the ever-popular *Turkey Roll & Reunion* on **Friday, November 30th** (last Friday of November); the *Annual Golf Tournament* held in the spring. It is a wonderful feeling to be at these annual reunions, so rich with history.

To quote Fr. Thomas [unclear], former president and principal of SMCS: "at St. Michael's we look after our own." You will never walk alone or be alone; we will always be brothers connected by the blessing that is St. Michael's College School.

Please write or e-mail me with your memories of Moments in Our History. We would love to share them with the alumni in upcoming publications. You can e-mail me at md@smcsmail.com or imilano@satetechenv.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Romeo Milano". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Romeo Milano '80
President, SMCS Alumni Association

From Humble Beginnings the Order of St. Michael Was Born

It was in 1995 when a group of alumni, at the request of Fr. Thomas Mohan, C.S.B. '48 gathered to organize a fundraising dinner. It was at a time when St. Michael's was in the midst of "The Building Fund" campaign to raise funds for the new addition and renovations.

Michael Duffly '67 who was heading The Building Fund agreed to help in this endeavour. I remember our first meeting. Some of those in attendance included Dan Prendergast, Michael Duffly, Fr. Mohan,

Dominic Montemurro '78, Domenic DeLuca '79, Domenic Cossader '74, Frank Di Nino '80, and Art Pukins '81.

It was Fr. Mohan who guided us in the formation of the *Order of St. Michael*. It was his vision to honour good, decent and faithful members of our community who were indeed friends of St. Michael and whose lives reflected the school motto *Doce Me Bonitatem Et Disciplinam Et Scientiam*.

The Order has since grown from its humble beginnings. It is no longer a fundraising vehicle but rather a celebration of what St. Michael's College School is all about. The school's mission statement defines its goals to "...prepare young men to recognize and to choose good, to contribute to society, to be a neighbour, to form family and to seek life eternal in union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." The *Order of St. Michael* endeavours to recognize the life-time achievements of alumni and friends. There are currently 26 members whom you can read about on the school's website.

In the words of Fr. Mohan, "*The Order of St. Michael* is the highest honour that St. Michael's can bestow. It is conferred on a man or woman who has illustrated love and admiration for St. Michael's; whose life is exemplary and a model for students; who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual, academic or

material welfare of the school; who is distinguished in service to neighbour and who is respectful of religion. St. Michael is the faithful servant of God. His glory rests in His serving, in His reflecting the source of all truth and goodness. He was totally ordered to God. Those who would be honoured with *The Order of St. Michael* relate to almighty God as their Creator and Father. As St. Michael's College School teaches us to recognize

and support 'goodness', so our Alumni honour those who have incorporated 'goodness' in their life and work. *The Order of St. Michael* is a selection from many graduates, friends and parents who are commendable human beings. Many could be honoured. Many will be honoured as the years pass."



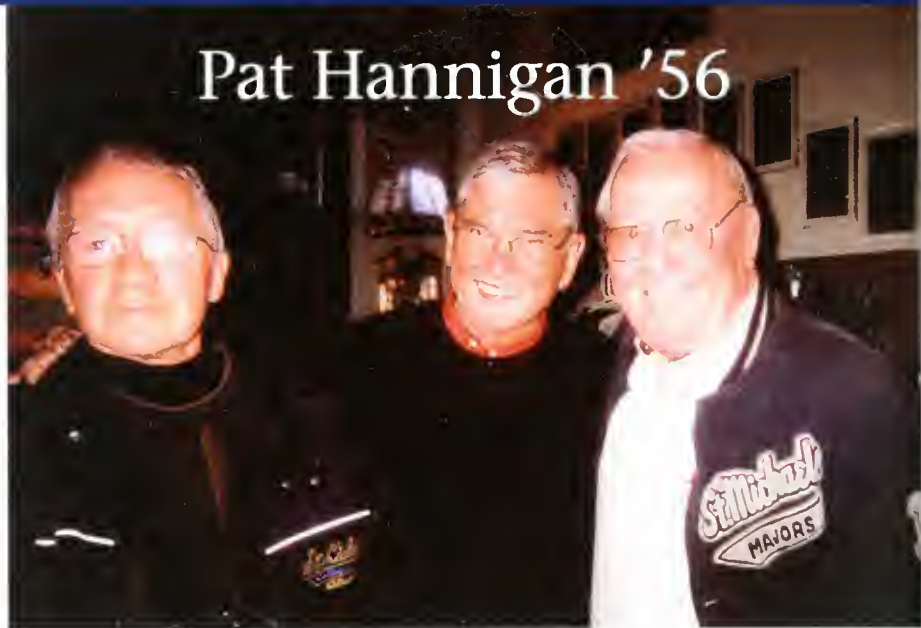
The sixth induction ceremony for *The Order of St. Michael* will take place on **Thursday, April 17, 2008** at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex. I urge you to download a nomination form from the school's website (under Alumni & Development) and submit to us the name of an individual that you feel is a worthy candidate to receive consideration for *The Order of St. Michael*. Please remember to include a brief bio on the individual. All names will be held in the strictest of confidence. As well, all names will

be kept for future consideration. Nominations must be submitted to the committee prior to **October 31st, 2007**.

May God Bless St. Michael's College School and our graduates.

Don C. Aldrich '88, Michael Wilson '77
Co-Chairs – *Order of St. Michael*

Pat Hannigan '56



Bill Colvin '54, Iae Egan '56, Pat Hannigan '56

Pat Hannigan '56 was inducted into the Fort Erie, Ontario, Sports Hall of Fame on June 14, 2007. Unfortunately, Pat couldn't be there to appreciate the moment as he was undergoing heart surgery at the time, another bump in the road for the tough left-winger whose professional hockey career spanned 15 seasons including N.H.L. stops in New York and Philadelphia.

In May, 1999, true to form, insisted on coming to the "people's funeral" for former SMCS and Marlie trainer Archie French. The only stipulation was that the "funeral" at Toronto's Balmy Beach Club had to be on a day that he was not undergoing dialysis for his kidney problems. I told him that this could be arranged and Pat joined (who had flown in from Vancouver), (who had flown in from Vancouver), and (who had flown in from Vancouver) for the laugh-filled toast to the irrepressible Archie French.

Now Patrick is not a man who defines himself by his health problems. Nor is he a man who defines himself

American country called Nicaragua, Pat Hannigan met the hungry face of Christ and it shattered his privatized spirituality.

Pat and Lynn Hannigan decided to do something about it. And the dream of Casa El Norte was born. The Hannigan's children Billy, Teddy and Carey were now meshed with a global family—refugees from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Colombia and Sri Lanka who had been pouring over the Canadian border into Fort Erie, the city they had called home since 1964. With a core group of like-minded Christians and with some seed money from the St. Joseph's Sisters in Peterborough, the first refugee house was born in 1990, a haven on Central Avenue, Fort Erie for those running from terror. Lynn became a director and Pat did a lot of scrounging. *Matthew House* next door was added in 1998.

Still in Good Shape

as a former professional hockey player, though he is proud of having given Don Cherry the hardest check he ever received. As a matter of fact anybody who knows the rugged Irishman, one of nine children who came south from Timmins chasing a hockey dream, understands Hannigan's root self-definition is family. But, with a difference! Over 20 years ago, in a small poor Central

Whenever Patrick walks into our annual SMCS 50's reunion with his '55 Majors jacket bursting around his midriff, he is always sporting a big grin. This is a brother in good spiritual shape.

New Beginnings: St. Michael's College School's Sister School

In September 2008, Holy Name of Mary College School will open its doors as an independent Catholic school for girls in grades 7–12. For many years there has been an expressed desire for a private girls' school of a caliber equal to St. Michael's College School and in January 2006, a committee, directed by Fr. Joe Redican, CSB, President of St. Michael's College School, was established to examine the feasibility of such a school. The committee hosted an open forum for the alumni to discuss the proposal and also invited feedback through an online questionnaire. The response from the alumni indicated the initial consideration of building the girls' school on the St. Michael's College School campus was not a suitable choice and this gave rise to the plan of establishing the new school at another location.

The subsequent plan was to build a school or acquire an existing building within close proximity to St. Michael's. Over the course of almost 18 months, the Site/Building Committee investigated all available real estate properties, but found the cost of land in the Toronto core and surrounding areas to be prohibitive. Existing buildings in the area and along the subway line were given careful consideration, but none of the buildings proved to be adequate for a school.

It seemed the most cost efficient scenario was to lease a surplus school building from one of the Toronto school boards. The schools available for lease however, were not in suitable locations and/or were in need of significant repair. It became increasingly clear that establishing the new school near to St. Michael's was unlikely and the committee once again began deliberating the feasibility of the project.

In the late spring of 2007, with the likelihood of opening a girls' school rapidly diminishing, an opportunity to begin discussions with the Felician Sisters in Mississauga was presented. Their school building was leased to the Dufferin Peel Roman Catholic School Board; however the Board had advised the Felician Sisters and the school community of their intention to move the students to another site at a future date. Seeking to ensure the continued existence of an all girls' school well into the future, the Felician Sisters and the St. Michael's Steering Committee began exploring the possibility of establishing Holy Name of Mary as the new private Catholic school for girls. On May 31st, 2007 an agreement was reached and the Felician Sisters announced they would re-establish Holy Name of Mary as an independent school. The proceeds from the lease enable them to continue funding

their mission in Tulita, NWT and St. Felix Centre, their community mission on Augusta Street in Toronto, as well as many other charities.

Holy Name of Mary College School will be governed by an independent Board of Directors and be operated as a not-for-profit institution. The Felician Sisters will maintain their spiritual presence at the school while St. Michael's College School will support its development, providing direction and expertise in establishing the independent school. The new school will however operate independently of St. Michael's. Like St. Michael's, Holy Name of Mary has a history of excellence and the new independent school will build on the rich traditions established by the Felician Sisters. As a university preparatory school, it will provide an enriched academic programme and a full co-curricular programme of athletics, music, visual arts and clubs. The school's motto is "Together We Challenge, Aspire and Achieve All Things with God" and the school will focus on developing strong Catholic women leaders. It is the intention that Holy Name of Mary College School will be St. Michael's sister school and students will share some extracurricular interests and various social and athletic activities. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme.

Holy Name of Mary College School is situated on a beautiful 7 acre parcel of the Felician Sisters' 25 acre property on Mississauga Road just north of the Queen Elizabeth Way, about 15 minutes west of Highway 427. Options for transportation will include family car pooling and private buses.

Similar to the bursary program at St. Michael's, the new school will provide financial assistance in the form of income based bursaries to families requiring assistance. Full application and bursary details are available on the school website www.holynameofmarycollegeschool.com.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the sisters, daughters, nieces and granddaughters of the St. Michael's community and we look forward to the opening of St. Michael's sister school, Holy Name of Mary College School.

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Coach 'P' Classic Golf Tournament



Paul O'Neil '55, Gerry Dav '51, Jack Dockeray '53, Bob Keagan '56, Paul Megaffin '57

The annual Coach 'P' Classic golf tournament for Blue Raiders alumni basketball players and friends was held on Monday, June 18 at Station Creek Golf Club in Gormley. Some 50 players teed off and once again the tournament champ was [redacted] who shot a 71. [redacted] placed second with a 76 and [redacted] finished third with an 83.

[redacted] won closest to the pin and [redacted] captured the longest drive. A buffet dinner and silent auction were held back at the school. Many thanks to all those who supported the event by sponsoring holes and donating to the silent auction. If you missed this great day, put the third Monday of June in your calendar for 2008.

The Executive unanimously agreed that Ed is no longer eligible to enter the tournament since he has won it for the last 8 years.

Annual Golf Tournament

On Monday, May 24th, 2007 St. Michael's College School held its 33rd Annual Golf Tournament at the beautiful Copper Creek Golf

Club. The winning foursome: [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], Dennis Caponi, Sr. and Jett Cairns shot a score of 60. We would like to thank everyone who participated. The tournament raised approximately \$30,000 for the bursary

programme. A very special thank you to our sponsors: Scotia Capital, Hurley Corporation and Carters Professional Corporation, St. Michael's College School Parents' Association, Oak-Land Ford Lincoln, Lexus Northwest, Lyn Mechanical and Parkview BMW, the committee members,

[redacted], Kimberley Bailey, [redacted], [redacted], Stephanie Gough, Dan Prendergast, [redacted], Ed Santi, [redacted] and the many volunteers.

Gene Cuccia's Golf Reunion

[redacted] golf reunion at Streetsville Glen June 21, 2007 was another success story with 72 Old Boys showing up, telling stories and lying about their scores. As usual, the crowd was

entertained with McNamara's Band, Boozer Brown and Italian songs for the likes of Frank Turano '53, Fred Merlocco '67, John Garipey '57, Ray Tortolo '55, Tony Italiano '53, Tony Ferlito '55, Bob Pallante '59, Len Sanci '56, Anthony Spadacini '58, Bobby Keegan '57, Jack Dockery '53, Paul Megaffin '57 (who let these guys in?) and others.

Gene asked that the following who were omitted in the previous Blue Banner be included as faithful supporters of the annual tournament:

[redacted] and [redacted].

Serenading the crowd—Al Kelly '51



Gene Cuccia '52



A History of Basketball at St. Michael's College School 1950–2007

Since the school opened at the Bathurst Street location in 1950, St. Michael's has been a dominating force in high school basketball, not only in Toronto but also on a provincial and national level felt throughout the United States and Europe. Today the name St. Michael's College School is not only synonymous for its outstanding hockey contribution, but also for its outstanding basketball influence.

The success of the programme is due to many dedicated coaches, players and volunteers. The following article written by three such committed coaches: Dan Prendergast, 1963–1989; Greg Paolini, 1989–2000; and J. J. Smith, 2001 to the present, illustrates those accomplishments.



Blue Raiders Action—1951

In the 50's the school participated in the Ontario Catholic Conference. In those early days, the names of Gordon Smith (74), Tom (74), Jim (74), and John (74) kept St. Michael's in the forefront of high school basketball.

Coach Lavelle came along to coach the team in the late 50's and early 60's, developing many outstanding players and winning many honours. Coach Lavelle inaugurated the highly prestigious St. Michael's High School Basketball Tournament; which this year celebrates its 48th anniversary. Such players as Phil (74), Paul (74), Steve (74), Mike (74), and Tom (74) made St. Michael's one of the top teams in Ontario.

The early 60's saw the inception of the T.D.C.A.A. – the Toronto and District College (Schools) Athletic Association – and St. Michael's were champions the first three years and went on to win the championship six times in the 60's.

The arrival of the first Rautins boy in 1967 ushered in an era of superb teams. George Rautins (74) led the Blue Raiders to four league championships, to several tournament championships and to four O.F.S.A.A. appearances. St. Michael's had become one of the top high school teams in the country. George never played in a losing T.D.C.A.A. game in his five years of high school ball. He was the first of several players to be recruited by a Division I American University. The late 60's teams and early 70's teams were also loaded with other talented players – Mike (74), Cliff (74), Vince (74), John (74), Rob (74), and Andy (74).

Coach Rautins arrived at St. Michael's in 1975 and there followed three more T.D.C.A.A. championships and O.F.S.S.A. appearances. Supporting Leo in the late 70's were such outstanding players as Paul (74), Pat (74), and Steve (74), Dan (74), Carl (74), and Kim (74). St. Michael's captured another six league championships in the 70's.

The early '80's marked the arrival of the "twin towers" – 6'11" **Greg Canadaxos '81** and 6'10" **Sean Dodds '81**. They were capably supported by such players as **Bob McEwen '82**, **Scott Croft '84**, and **Richard Venn '84**. Two more league championships followed as well as O.E.S.A.A. appearances.

The mid 80's saw the arrival of 6'11" **Bernard Jackson '85** and the team went undefeated in league play for three straight seasons winning a Bronze Medal at O.E.S.A.A. in '87. Bernard went on to a very successful career at Cornell University. He also played with the Canadian National Junior Team. **Linus Azubalis '85**, **Van Wilfouhlin '86** and **Emile John '87** contributed immensely to the teams' success. The team went 82 – 2 in league play from 1984 – 1989.

The late '80's teams were led by **Jeff Zownir '88**, **Roland Semprie '88**, **Jason Ciceri '89**, **Mike Lavelle Jr. '88** and **Danny Prendergast Jr. '89**. Coach Prendergast retired at the end of the '89 season.

The 1989–90 season saw the first time in 26 years that Dan Prendergast, affectionately known as Coach "P", would not be at the helm. Having seen his son, Danny Jr., sink two clutch free throws with just seconds left on the clock to win the 1988–89 T.D.C.A.A. title, Dan Sr. decided it was time to step aside. Elevated to the somewhat unenviable position of sitting in the driver's seat of a legend was Dan's assistant coach, Greg Paolini. Greg was the Head Coach of the Blue Raiders for the next 12 seasons, until the 2001–02 season.

The tradition of success continued over these dozen years as the Blue Raiders found themselves at the O.E.S.A.A. Provincial Championships in 1990, '92, '93, '95, '97, '98 and '99. This string kept intact the Blue Raider record of competing at the O.E.S.A.A. Basketball Championships more times than any other high school in the province.

Some of the key players of this era were **Dwight Donald '90**, **Chris Esposito '90**, **O.J. Sams '90 '91**, **Brian Heaney Jr. '91** and **Pat McEwen Jr. '91**, **Mike Zavershnik '95**, **Mike Gleeson '95** and **Linus Underys '95**, **Chris Clarke '98** and **Ala Ignatavicius '98**, **Beau Younger '99**, **Tommy Grochmal '99**, **Mike Labinjo '99**, **Eric Cruz '99**, **Dave O'Connell '99**, **Andres Rivera '02** and **J.R. Bailey '01**. There were many others not mentioned who contributed greatly to the success of the Blue Raiders over this time period.

In 2000, St. Michael's embarked on a new journey by leaving the T.D.C.A.A. and entering the C.I.S.A.A.

(Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association) to participate in athletics. Previous to this, St. Michael's had been participating in both leagues in many sports, basketball being one of them. When C.I.S.A.A. was granted entry status to O.E.S.A.A., a decision had to be made as to which league St. Michael's would play in. Prior to this, C.I.S.A.A. championship teams did not qualify to participate in O.E.S.A.A. competitions. Independent schools had to participate in their local O.E.S.A.A. sanctioned league to gain entry to provincial championships. Due to a number of factors, not the least of which was St. Michael's independent school status since 1985, the decision was made to fully participate in the C.I.S.A.A. The Blue Raiders have gone on to capture the league title every year since entering the C.I.S.A.A.

Lasting memories through the '90's are filled with championships and tournament play (two trips to the Fr. Troy Classic in Edmonton and to the Dairy Town Classic in New Brunswick come immediately to mind) and of the fellowship and lasting friendships that exist to this day. The era was marked with a string of twin towers; **Zavershnik (6'9")** and **Santiago (6'6")**, and **Underys (6'7")**, **Chris Clarke (6'7")**, **Paul Ricketts '99 (6'10")**, **J.R. Bailey (6'9")** and **Jon Clarke '02 (6'10")**. This era saw **Brian Heaney Jr. '93**, **David McQuaid '99**, and **Chris Clarke '98** go to the United States on D1 scholarships and **Mike Gleeson** achieve Academic All Canadian Honours at Queen's University. A number of other players went on to play at Canadian Universities; **Reilly Mussleman '96**, **Pat and Mike Gleeson** and **Linus Underys (Queen's)**; **Mike Zavershnik (Waterloo)**; **Paul Ricketts (SFN)** and **Tommy Grochmal (U of T)**. Also of note are that two former Blue Raiders went on to D1 football scholarships and to participate in Super Bowl championship games (**O.J. Santiago** – Kent State University and the Atlanta Falcons and **Mike Labinjo** – Michigan State University, the Philadelphia Eagles and currently with the Calgary Stampeders).

In 2001 Coach "P" (the other Coach "P", Paolini) took on the new post of Director of Admissions at St. Michael's and passed the torch to his assistant **Jeff Zownir**.

The 2001–02 Blue Raiders saw a new Head Coach in **Jeff Zownir**, who took over from Greg Paolini. However, Coach Paolini left behind a very talented team that went on to win the Nike/St. Michael's Tournament for the first time in 24 years. 6'10" **Jon Clark '02** won the MVP, and later went on to play at Rhode Island and is currently playing professional basketball in Romania.

Paul Sergautis '03 who is currently playing at U of T was also part of the 2001-02 team that went back to O.F.S.A.A.

The team has moved fully over to C.I.S.A.A., where they have compiled three straight league championships winning 48 games and losing two. The team has been led by Andres Rivela '02, Jonas Didzbalis '02, Charlie Houghton '03, Mike Powell '03, Aras Ruslys '04, Dusan Pletkovic '05, Conrad Bach '05, Cole Braithwaite '06, and Jordan Smith '06, who is the grandson of Coach Mike Lavelle, and now plays for Western. St. Mike's has now been to three straight O.F.S.A.A. tournaments and looks to continue the tradition of excellence that has been going on for 57 years at the school.

Truly, the history of basketball at St. Michael's over the past 57 years has been remarkable. Since the formation of the T.D.C.A.A., St. Michael's has rarely finished out of first place. St. Michael's has won its own tournament nine times. Over 25 players have gone on to star in university ball in Canada; indeed, many of them became captains of their teams. Ten graduates have gone to play Division 1 basketball in the United States. Three former Blue Raiders played for Canada's National team – George Rautins '71, Rob Stewart '71, and Leo Rautins '78. What other Canadian high school can boast of two graduates drafted into the N.B.A. and one to play in the N.B.A.? George Rautins '71 was drafted in the 7th round by the Buffalo Braves after a great career at Niagara University and Leo Rautins '78 was drafted in the first round by the Philadelphia 76er's after a successful career

at Syracuse University where he won All-American honours.

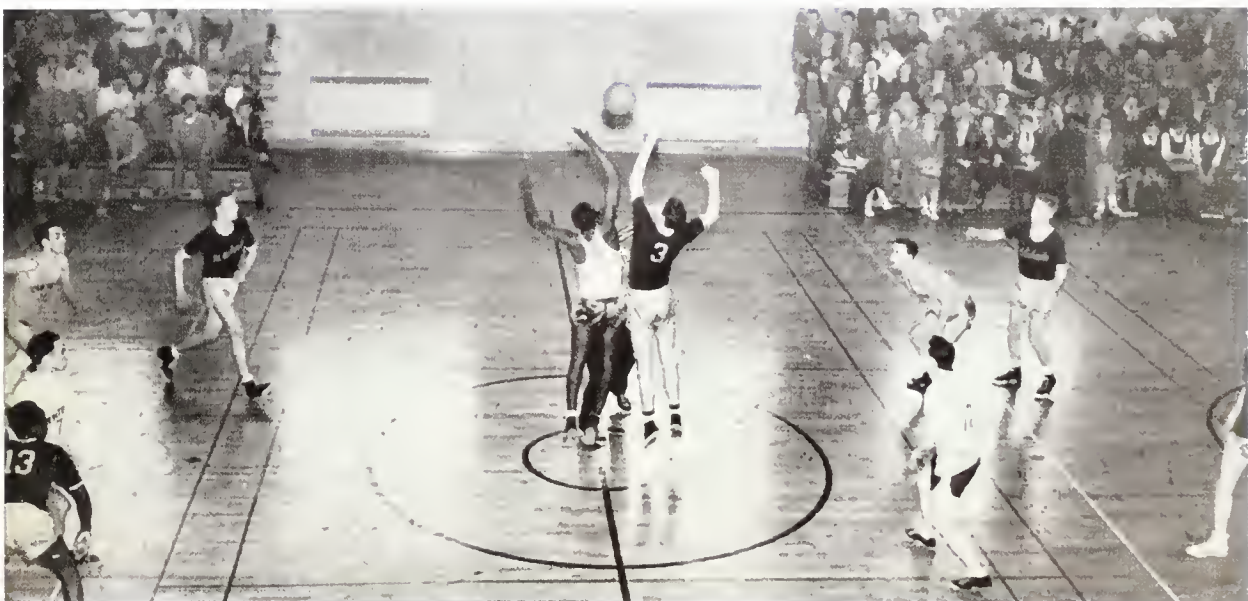
Leo didn't forget his high school either – when he signed his first pro-contract he donated \$2,000 to the school to have new glass backboards installed. This gesture is typical of the quality of young men who have participated in the basketball programme at St. Michael's since 1950.

Certainly many, many more players deserve to be singled out for their contribution to the basketball programme at St. Michael's than have been sighted in this article. Indeed, no slight was intended by the authors. It has been a real privilege for us to have played a part in this history and to have had the opportunity to come to know some terrific gentlemen and to make some life-long friends.

For the past ten years there has been an annual Coach 'P' classic golf tournament to raise funds for the basketball program. The event includes a dinner and silent auction at the school. We are hoping for a large turnout next year. We will keep you posted as to the location and date.

Coaches

Mike Lavelle '33	Head Coach 1957 – 1963
Dan Prendergast	Head Coach 1963 – 1989
Greg Paolini	Head Coach 1989 – 2001 Assistant Coach 1987 – 1989
Jeff Zownir '86	Head coach 2001 – Present Assistant Coach 1995 – 2001



Blue Raiders Action—1952

Class of '57 Celebrates 50 Years at Balmy Beach Club

by [redacted]

In a gala party virtually 50 years to the day that the class of 1957 graduated from St. Michael's College School, the battered and the bruised, the still well-coiffed and generously tanned, celebrated old friendships and great memories.

The sun had broken winter's back on this April day as official greeter, [redacted], with great tenderness, ushered those with walkers, bum hips, hearing aids, bad rugs, pacemakers and paunches into the formerly forbidden turf of the Balmy Beach Club, BBC, a notorious bastion of Orange Lodge dominance in the Toronto of old.

This class, unparalleled in the history of the august boys' school, has regularly met for over 30 years in seedy bars, smoky jazz clubs and the top of the Park Plaza before obtaining provisional entrance to the aforementioned BBC. In past years RC negotiators and denizens of the east end, [redacted] and [redacted] "No Neck" [redacted], struck a now famous deal with the BBC that SMC S could rent the premises but the 10 Italian limit must be observed.

The event began in the bar area at noon and as former familiar faces entered, roval huzzahs and cheers erupted. Some had not been seen since the day they left SMC S. [redacted], 38 years in the Air Force, was joined by [redacted], whose Saturday nights were taken up at the old Maple Leaf Gardens selling standing room tickets, stunned the assembly by simply appearing, one from Ottawa and the other from some Ontario backwater. Then [redacted] "the Honker" [redacted], the noted R & B saxophonist who had recently suffered some health setbacks was greeted with cries of "Lazarus lives." The islands walked in: Manitoulin, [redacted] and Christian [redacted]. A contingent from Ottawa appeared; [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] were joined by [redacted] "Red" [redacted]. The latter sported a doo that elicited snickers from the assembly.

Trying not to be overheard in a stage whisper, [redacted] said, "McCusker must be trying to extend adolescence beyond all known limits. That coiff is sickening."

As lunch was served, [redacted], on behalf of the organizing committee, greeted all with the sad news that this was not an official SMC S event because [redacted], guardian of orthodoxy and curmudgeon extraordinaire, was not in attendance. Burns had informed the committee that he had recently had another formaldehyde injection and was not feeling up to attending. While several cheered at the announcement, many were crestfallen. [redacted] "Didge" [redacted], a Burns' toady of the 50s, silently wept.

After reading telegrams and regrets from classmates [redacted] "Fox" [redacted] and [redacted] as well as an insulting one from an anonymous crank from the Soo, Schmidt staggered the assembly with what can only

be called a divine intervention. A mysterious missive had been received at the club from our former Vice Principal, the much respected [redacted] "Shakey" [redacted] who died in December of 1956. Fr. Timmins had had a special Latin relationship with several students in attendance, particularly [redacted] and the late [redacted].

[redacted]. The telegram read, "Beloved members of '57, as you are aware my Father's house has many rooms and when you join the heavenly throng, I want you to know our special relationship will continue. I can be visited in room 214."

Our wonderful teachers were represented by Fr. Norman Fitzpatrick, C.S.B. and [redacted] C.S.B. As well, Fr. Jim Murphy, C.S.B. a young Basilian now at 1515 Bathurst impressed all with his congeniality and good humour. He later presented all us with commemorative 50-Year Pins but cautioned [redacted], the much respected committee member that under no circumstances was he to give one to [redacted]. The latter evidently did not pay his locker fee in 1957 and last year his locker was opened and two bottles of Catawba tumbled to the floor.

Fr. Brian said grace and the merriment extended into the late afternoon.



Jae Egan '56, Pat Hannigan '57, Ted Schmidt '57, Paul Egan '57

Where Are They Now

1950's

Fred Pelzl '58 retired from Confederation Life after 34 years. Fred still meets for a monthly card game with Hool '57, Mik Dugan '58 and Jerry Grizzle '58.

1960's

Mike Savage '61 writes, "I attended the 100 Years of Hockey events in January and February and saw many teammates from the 1961 Buzzers. It was a great day! Over the years, I have talked to my wife, Anne, about all my friends and experiences at St. Mike's. She went to the gala event in February and thoroughly enjoyed it. I am a Stock Broker with Morgan Stanley and living in Watertown, New York. Our twin boys, Michael, a money manager, and Tyler, a lawyer, 35, are living in Rochester, New York. We have two granddaughters, Maryn and Ryaan."

Tom Millius '62 writes that his years at St. Mike's were full of fun and numerous adolescent pranks. He joined the teaching staff in 1967 and perused a subject he loved, history. He formed many friendships among the staff, many whom remain friends today. Tom and Margaret have three children: Stephanie, Brett and Carla. Tom left St. Mike's in 1976 to become History Head at Cardinal Newman High School. In 1983 he formed part of a team that opened Pope John Paul II High School. Since his retirement in 1998 he has taught part time and travels with his wife, Margaret. St. Mike's "has always been a constant in my life and I am thankful for the years I spent there." Tom keeps in touch with Gerry Marlborough '59, Mike and Jim Coghlan, and Hugh McDougall.

Frank Soppels '65 an outstanding basketball player in his high school days is a corporate commercial lawyer in Vaughan. His son, Giancarlo '03, is now at the University of Toronto Law School.

Enzo DeLuca '66 is the President of Siena Foods and Colio Wines. His son, Alessandro '87, is the Vice President of Siena Foods.

Greg Kealey '66 went to the University of St. Michael's College and graduated in Honours History in 1970 then on to the University of Rochester where he received his MA in 1971 and finished his PhD in 1977. Along the way, he returned to Toronto to do research in 1972 and took a job as an Assistant Professor in the Dalhousie History Department in 1974. His next move was to

Memorial University in Newfoundland in 1981 where he became Dean of the School of Graduate Studies in 1997. He is presently Vice President of Research at the University of New Brunswick. His field is Canadian Social History especially labour and working-class history. In recent years, he worked in the area of security and intelligence studies focusing on the RCMP Security Service. Greg is married to Linda, a Professor of History at the University of New Brunswick specializing in Canadian women's history. Their daughter, Caitlin, works for the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences in Ottawa.

Don Dwyer '67 is a construction manager, builder, contractor and now grandfather. His son, Robert '86 attended Fairfield College in Connecticut on a soccer scholarship and then played professionally in Norway for two years. He is now working with his father in the construction industry.

Phil Hume '68 has been the CEO Villa Charities Columbus Centre for the past 20 years.

Sid Morris '69 is a C.A. in Toronto. His son, James '01, is attending the University of St. Michael's College.

Len Crispino '80 served for many years as a senior official with the Ontario Provincial Government including his time in the Milan Trade Office. He is the current President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Brian McVey '69 has been in the spotlight for over 45 years. You may remember him in the school plays: *Little Mary Sunshine*, *My Fair Lady* and *Brigadoon*. He has appeared in, written, or directed, over two hundred productions in Canada and the U.S., from Alaska with *Les Miserables* (national tour) to the Charlottetown Festival (ten seasons). Theatres include The Royal Alexandra, Elgin, Hummingbird, Wintergarden, Ford, Vancouver Playhouse, National Arts Centre, Neptune Theatre, Theatre New Brunswick, Manitoba Theatre Centre, Theatre Calgary, Citadel Theatre, Charles Playhouse (Boston), Seattle Rep and on Broadway (for director Hal Prince). He was twice nominated for a Dora Mavor Moore Award and a 'Best Writer' ACTRA award for *Come by the Hills* and is an ACTRA Award Winner for his work in television. He is a former Associate Professor at Dalhousie University and a former Artistic

Director of Huron Country Playhouse. Brian has been a guest artist with eight major Canadian Symphony Orchestras including Toronto's. He is currently a member of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival Company and this season is appearing in *King Lear*, *Merchant of Venice* and *An Ideal Husband*. He lives in Stratford with his wife, Sheri and son, Kehgan. He has fond memories of those early days at St. Mike's where, with the guidance and inspiration of Fr. Fitzpatrick, C.S.B., he first discovered his love for the stage.

1970's

Enzo L. Corbelli '70 is the Director of Education and Information Systems of COSTI (Centro Organizzativo Scuole Tecniche Italiane).

James "Tommy" Tomlinson '71: After spending 11 years in various policy positions with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, he established a company that became the producer of Canada's largest annual trade shows and conferences for construction, property management and commercial estate. He still keeps in touch with **William "Mac" MacFadyen** '72, **Paul H. Himmelfarb** '73 and sees **Paul L. Lussier** '74, **Andre Galla** '75 and **George A. Lussier** '76 at some of the trade shows. **Scott Lussier** '77 is the principal service contractor of the organization. "My years at St. Mike's were terrific and unforgettable. I often reflect on some of the episodes: breaking the long hair barrier, a sold out Saturday night concert with Lighthouse and much more."

George "Buck" Buckle '78 is a retired teacher with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and lives in Etobicoke with his wife Barbara. His son, Greg, is a don at the Sorbara Residence at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, and is a regular at the *Bad Dog Improv Comedy Theatre*. His daughter, Kathryn, graduated from York University and is presently teaching English in Riviere-Du-Loup, PQ. George continues to enjoy performing on stage, most recently in Caledon with the *Caledon Townhall Players*. He has signed with a talent agent and will soon be seen on the *Bank of America* web site. He keeps in touch with **David "Mac" MacFadyen** '72 of *The Nylons* and **John O'Connell** '71.

James "Tommy" Tomlinson '71 lives in Oakville chasing three kids and working as an Architect building Hilton and Holiday Inn hotels across North America for SMCS alumni to enjoy on their vacations. Linas is active in the Lithuanian Community and is President of the Toronto Lithuanian Golf Club (www.tlgk.org).

David "Mac" MacFadyen '72 is living in New Westminster, B.C. and is managing partner in Cowley & Company Law Firm.

Scott MacFadyen '73 is an Accountant Lawyer and President of ACEA and CEO of Fiat Strasbourg.

Robert "Tommy" Tomlinson '74 is an Orthopedic Surgeon in Mississauga who has successfully "fixed" many SMCS alumni including his brothers. Busy with four daughters, Ramunas is also active in the Lithuanian community providing leadership in the folk dance ensemble, and of course, an occasional hyperactive coach on the basketball court.

Rick Wilson '75: After leaving SMCS, he received a hockey scholarship to St. Lawrence University where he played goal in Division 1 for The Saints. He was drafted by the Montreal Canadians and played in the minors for five years. He recalls winning the Turner Cup while playing for the Flint Generals. On his return to Toronto, he joined his father, **Paul** '76 in their *Wilson for Sports* store. During the Lindros years, he was Assistant Coach for the Buzzers. He is proud to talk about "his 31 years associated with the school to those who ask him what school he went to." He married Trish Kerins, a St. Joseph's Wellesley grad, and they have three children. At present, he runs the *Rick Wilson Goalie Training and Consulting Ltd.* He concludes: "If I ever had to do it all over again, the two hours to and from school on the buses and subway was time well spent in my development as a young man and the values I carry with me today."

Paul "Cement" Cement '76 is coaching in a Russian Super League, in Yaroslavl, about three hours north-west of Moscow. There are 20 teams in the league and the caliber of play is much like the N.H.L. The team is called Yaroslavl and is owned by the Russian Railroad. They play 60 games a year and in the end compete for a gold medal. In Russia you are called a trainer not a coach. He has three players on the team who will soon be playing in the N.H.L. The Washington Capitals number one pick two years ago is his goalie, Cemen Varlomov, and Alexi Kudashov, also on the team, played a few games with the Leafs. Paul relates that the Russian people are very caring and helpful but the language is difficult to learn. "I do a lot of pointing and about half the team speak English, which helps. The players need to smile more and have fun. I am working on it." Paul lives in Franklin, Tennessee and has five children, Scott 25, Ashley 22, Lindsey 21, and twins, Skylar and Connor, six.

John Pitts '55 sends an update on the family. For the past 16 years, he has worked at Rothmans, Benson & Hedges in Toronto and is currently Director of Operations. John lives in Aurora with Patricia, his wife of 23 years. John Jr. and Stephen attend university and daughter Lianne is in high school. His current hobby is visiting his brother, **Jamie** '83 in North Carolina, where, you guessed it, golf occupies his life. What he remembers most about St. Mike's are those Strawberry Island trips with **Fr. Hibberd**, C.S.B. '56, lunch in *The Cottage* across the street where it was legal to drink in those grade 13 days and home football games at the CNE because our field was under subway construction. Skipping last class, so we could speed up to Loretto Abbey before they got out was an exciting event. In the end, "I married my high school sweetheart from St. Joseph's Morrow Park—go figure." Brother **Ron Pitts** '67 lives in Brampton with his wife, Jane and daughter Andrea who just graduated from university. Ron works for ProScience TecniGlas in North York. Playing tennis at The Thornhill Country Club occupies a huge part of his life and he will be there until his legs give out. What he remembers about his St. Mike's days is winning the Centennial Hockey Tournament in Sudbury in 1967, and impersonating his father when calling in sick. **Jamie Pitts** '83, the youngest of the clan, has worked for RBC Financial Group for the past 18 years and in 2001 moved from Toronto to North Carolina and is the Director, Sales Delivery for RBC Liberty Insurance, Newport, North Carolina. Although "I thought I was destined to be a bachelor and play golf every free minute, I met a wonderful woman, Yvonne, and her two sons, Rani, 14 and Adam 11. We were married in 2006. I cannot believe how my life has changed: homework at night, soccer, baseball, basketball—I wouldn't change it for anything." Jamie delights in the fact that there is nothing like playing golf in shorts on New Years Day. He tells his boys that their high school years will be the best they will have. His 1979–1983 yearbooks bring back fond memories of the debating team, band, sports and those great sock hops. Jamie makes it to Toronto once or twice a year to see his family guided by father, Joseph Pitts, a faithful supporter of St. Mike's. It was Joe along with **Fr. Maurice "Moe" Whelan**, C.S.B. who started the first Parents Guild in 1966 of which Joe was President from 1966–1968. Joe and his lovely wife, Pearl, still live in the same North York house where they raised 5 girls and 3 boys. The house still plays host when the family along with 15 grandchildren get together. Joe and Pearl just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Tony D'Amico '86 lives in North York and teaches at Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton High School in Toronto. He is married to Laurie and has two boys, **Anthony** '11 and **Matthew**.

John Brady '77 Vice Principal of Cardinal McGuigan Catholic School in Toronto writes: "St. Mike's really shaped my character in so many ways. My father died when I was 11 and I was lacking role models in my life. Teachers such as **Joe Younder** '56, **Fr. Hibberd** C.S.B. '56, **Fr. Brian Sweeney** '59, both of whom took time out to play golf with me, **Mike Coghlan** and especially **Fr. John Mallon**, C.S.B. '56, laid out a clear path of high expectations, coupled with good humour and healthy sportsmanship. I wasn't at the grade promotions meeting in 1977, but someone must have spoken on my behalf because I was allowed to come back. That was the chance I needed. I wasn't a star on any of the teams, but every day I was surrounded by the ideals of St. Mike's, and they definitely took root." John regrets that he missed **Fr. Hibberd**, C.S.B. when he came to visit **Al Buger** '76 at Neil McNeil High School last year. John is married to Vicky (Madonna High School 1977) a teacher at Michael Power High School and they have two boys, Michael, 14 and Anthony, 11. John relates that he still keeps in touch with **Larry Flynn** '77, **Peter Martin** '78, a chemist with Dow Chemical in Houston, Texas, and **Mike Balawejder** '78, a successful investment broker for National Bank in Mississauga. He would like to know the whereabouts of his old friend, **Edward Abbott** '78.

Andy Belarsky '70 tells the story of how he met **Sam Barbuzzi** '77 in the Yorkdale Shopping Centre in 1983 and exchanged business cards. They soon recognized they both went to St. Mike's. Sam was working at *Birks Jewelers* as a gemologist and Andy, also a gemologist, was employed in a diamond grading laboratory. In 1985, they opened their doors as *Gem Scan Laboratories* a two-man operation providing diamond-grading, jewellery appraisals, gem identification and laser inscription services to retailers, wholesalers and the general public. Since its humble beginnings in 1985, *Gem Scan* has grown into Canada's largest diamond grading laboratory and in 2003 they expanded into Dallas, Texas serving the U.S. market and in 2003 to Mumbai, India. Sam spends most of his time in Dallas. He has three daughters and a son Michael. Andy lives in Toronto and has three boys, **Michael** '11 and **Matthew** '12 who attend St. Mike's and **Nicholas** who is also hoping to attend in a few years.

He graduated from St. FX in 1986, B.Sc., Geology, after a year hiatus and successfully (and continuously) worked in mining geology in Nova Scotia and Ontario until a mine closure and severance package allowed him to travel. He set out to South East Asia for a year in late 1992 with a 12kg backpack and returned in 2004 with a wife, two sons and a small container of gear! "I lived, travelled, sailed and dove in Thailand, Malaysia

Mr. James has taken a new position as Director of Marketing, Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club, MRA Associates.

George Magalhaes '83 is Director of Marketing for Motorola in Munich, Germany. He manages acquisitions in Europe and is responsible for the group's Product Strategy, Product Management and overall marketing activities.

Alvydas "Al" Saplys '83 recently retired from playing beer-league basketball. Al has worked with Microsoft Canada for the past 15 years and is currently Director of Government Affairs. He would like to send his son to St. Mike's despite the commute from Oakville. Al was the fundraising chair for the new Lithuanian parish in Oakville and is a Director of the Parama Lithuanian Credit Union. Otherwise, he gets dragged into various community organizations such as Scouts, basketball and of course the politics of the newly independent "old" country. He has twice met Bill Gates.

Rob Simonet '84 is the Hospital Sales Manager, Eastern Canada for Wyeth Pharmaceutical. He is married to Mary and has two daughters, Stephanie and Christina and lives in Markham. Rob is a strong supporter of the Class of 1984 Bursary Fund and Christmas dinner.

Ralph Capocci '85 is President of Danjus Consulting Group Inc. a public and Government Relations Consulting Firm based in Vaughan. For several years he worked with Maurizio Bevilacqua M.P. for Vaughan, and ran three of his campaigns. Ralph is a Director with the Vaughan York Region's Children's Foundation and the Universal Youth Foundation. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and a lector at St. Padre Pio parish in Vaughan. He was recently awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his volunteer community service. He keeps in touch with Tito Romano '85 and Luigi Bruno '85 who is in the banking industry in Ottawa.

Mike Rosati '86 moved to Hamilton to play for the Steelhawks in the O.H.L. He finished grade 13 at Cathedral Boys' School and then attended McMaster University. He was drafted by the New York Rangers in 1988 and signed his first N.H.L. contract. That same year he lost his dad to cancer. After playing a year in the Ranger system, he accepted a three year contract in Bolzano, Italy and played in the Italian elite league. He says, "It was the best decision I ever made." Playing on the Italian National Team, he took part in nine World Championships and two Olympics: Lillehammer '94 and Nagano '98. It was in Bolzano that he met his wife Patty and it was there that his daughters, Jessica and Alyssa were born. He played in Bolzano for six years winning four championships before moving to Mannheim,

Germany. "My first two seasons were incredible. We won back to back championships and were named the region's team of the year." After the second season, he signed a free agent contract with the Washington Capitals and recorded his first N.H.L. win against the Ottawa Senators. While there he played with Tim Lehto.

Unfortunately, that season put a lot of strain on his family life and they decided to accept another three year contract back in Mannheim where they stayed for four more years winning two more championships before retiring and accepting a position with the club as goalie coach. "I had the privilege of training Cristobal Huet who became the goalie for the Montreal Canadiens. In 2005, after 15 incredible years in Europe, it was time to come home." He got involved in the goalie-instruction business and is now the president and co-founder of the *Canadian Goaltending Academy*. His organization trains some 150 goalies on a weekly basis. Although his family has adjusted to Canadian life, Patty prefers the European winters.

This past year has been wonderful for Mike. "It has given me the chance to get in touch with so many great people who have helped me along the way. When you are surrounded with great people early in your life, they remain great people later on in your life." One thing Mike forgot to mention and it's probably his most proud accomplishment. On his return to Mannheim, he founded *Rosy's Kids Corner*. This allowed terminally ill children and their families a day out of the hospital to watch a game from the V.I.P. section. Mike would go up and visit them, take pictures and sign autographs. "I became extremely attached to my kids and in the past six years almost one million euros has been raised and donated to the *Corner*. And it all started at St. Mike's," he said.

Adam Bon '87. After graduation from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1993, Adam was called to the Bar in 1995. He was employed as Crown Counsel by the Department of Justice (Canada) from 1995-1999, and conducted criminal trials and appeals for the Crown at all levels of Court in Ontario. He established his own criminal defense practice in 1999. He later taught advocacy to law students at the Ontario Bar Admissions course and to criminal lawyers at the Advocates' Society and Osgoode Hall. He frequently appears as guest lecturer at training programmes for Canadian Customs Officers, RCMP Officers, and OPP Officers. As the author of a number of papers on constitutional law issues, Adam is the co-author of *Sentencing Drug Offenders* (Canada Law Book,

2004). He keeps in touch with **Victor P. ...**, also a criminal lawyer employed as Crown Counsel by the Ministry of the Attorney General.

... works as translator/interpreter in Yerevan, Armenia. Sayat says, "Hi to the class of 1989 and all my teachers!"

1990's

... has been living in Naperville, a suburb of Chicago for eight years with his wife, Nora and three children, Madeline, Claire, and Charlie. He is Senior Vice President with Leo Burnett USA, the largest advertising agency in the country. Currently, he is managing the Washington Mutual business and has as clients Kellogg's and Morgan Stanley. He recently graduated from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University. He keeps in touch with **Greg Kelly '02**.

Robert Bellissimo '94, Industrial Real Estate Sales and Leasing Representative at Hectare GMAC Real Estate—Commercial Division.

Jaason Geerts '05, St. Anselm's parish basement comes alive every Friday evening with beaming fluorescent red lights and blaring top 40 music. About 70 teens with Downs Syndrome say adios to their parents for two hours and break out their moves on the dance floor.

One of these dancers is Matthew Hoffman. The 27-year-old has been coming to these dances for three years, but now he's helping to organize them thanks to a parish based youth ministry programme. *The College of Prefects* teaches youth 13 to mid 20's how to both lead and serve by organizing community service events. This year the programme has expanded to Holy Rosary and our Lady of Perpetual Help parishes in Toronto. "From a pastor's perspective, we are not paid and have no budget," said founder, Jaason Geerts 28, a Master's student in theology at the University of Toronto. Jaason currently oversees all the programmes, and is in the process of training two university students to take over his role at St. Anselm's. All Prefects must actively participate in weekly Mass as a lector, eucharistic minister, greeter or altar server. This fall Jaason hopes to expand again and hopefully to a non-Catholic church. "It's a step forward in our ecumenical effort to reach beyond our borders," said Greets. Presently, Jaason is putting his skills to work as a Prefect in Europe in charge of a group of summer school students.

With permission from the Catholic Register, June 24, 2007.

Lucia D'Aprile '96 is the owner of Vibo Restaurant in Toronto.

2000's

Davide Di Iulio '03 spent July in Pescara, Italy acting as a chaperon to Canadian students at the Centro Scuola summer language school. He will be attending Osgoode Hall Law School in the fall.

Mark Storus '04, Congratulations to Mark on his winning the C Division of the Ontario Boka Wireless Men's Public Player Championship at Mill Run Golf and country Club in Uxbridge on September 11. Mark is the son of **Tim Storus '01**.

Dante Di Iulio '05 was in Atri Teramo, Italy chaperoning students taking Italian language courses, then on to Siena for personal language upgrading. In the fall, he returns to USMC (U of T) for his third year.



Joe Foreman '54, Bill Spence '80



Tom Powers '79, Frank Mahovlich '57



Gino Saccone '80, Leo Rautins '78



L-R: Dan Batten '79, Mark Elwood '79, Dirk Reuter '81, Mike David '79



Looking back at the 70's



2006 grads help barbeque at the Skate For Kids Charity fundraiser

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John writes that he recently got together with [redacted] and [redacted] indicated they will be in touch with the group.

Niagara Peninsula

(Currently seeking Chapter contact)

[redacted] reports that on Monday, August 13, 2007 an intrepid band of seasoned travelers escaped the smog enshrouded city of Toronto to journey south to enjoy the tropical environs of the Niagara 'banana belt'. The trip was in response to pleas of the St. Mike's old boys in this region, who for many years have risked life and limb driving in wintry blasts to the scary east end of Toronto to the Balmv Beach Canoe Club. [redacted] was successful in contacting [redacted] and [redacted] with calls to [redacted] and [redacted] who were unavailable to join in this ground breaking endeavour. Waiting for their arrival in the famous resort town of Fort Erie were local celebrities, [redacted] and [redacted]. Absent were [redacted] and former Student Council President, [redacted] 3 who was visiting relatives in Italy. Having regrouped around 1 p.m., this merry ensemble journeyed to the Niagara riverside hot spot known as *The Light House* and spent the afternoon in reminiscences of sporting and scholastic achievements which became more outstanding with each retelling. As the sun met the horizon, we all agreed that future meetings are a must.

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Thanks to our ever-increasing Alumni Association, new Chapters are being established in cities around the world. Chapters provide alumni, who reside in the same area, an opportunity to network with each other, reminisce about their time at St. Mike's and remain connected to the school. The Advancement Office is looking for alumni to help organize chapters in your region. Please contact Stephanie Gough, Alumni and Special Events Officer, at 416 653-3180 Ext. 273 or gough@smcsmail.com for more information.

Lost Alumni

We need your help! We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to look through the missing 1950s list and help us get re-connected with the lost Alumni. For each alumnus who is able to provide information on five or more missing alumni (from the list below or from our website at www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com) they will receive an "exclusive" alumni gift. Please contact Gina Cramarossa at cramarossa@smcsmail.com or 416-653-3180 ext. 458.

1950

D'Arcy Audet
Robert Ball
Paul Barker
Eugene Brady
Paul Broadhurst
Ted Carlton
Lloyd Corrigan
Leo T. Coughlin
Gerry Cuddy
John Douris
Ferdinand Duda
Donald Duncan
Fred J. Fulton
John Guiry
William Hall
James Halleran
Michael Heney
Robert Holland
Gerald Holle
James Ingoldsby
Joseph Ingoldsby
Ray Jaworski
Gerard Kelly
Arthur Knowlton
Ronald Kratchik
John Lanthier
Joseph Lesniak
Walter Levick
Allen MacDonald
Raymond Mackell
John Maxwell
John McCarthy
Edward McConvey
Joseph McCool
D'Arcy McDonald
James McGrath
Gerald McIsaac
F. McKeown
James McLaughlin
John McNeely
Joseph Muhlisin
John Miller
Gerald Nori
Ronald O'Hearn

Francis Olopade
John O'Neill
Donald Peart
Arthur Perkins
Edward Piwowarczyk
Charles Purvis
Lawrence Regan
Rodolphe Roy
Frederick Sandford
Michael Scarlett
Patrick Shanahan
Gerrard Shea
Lloyd Shearer
Paul Sullivan
John Sweeney
Donald Teatro
Alan Tipping
Richard Vincer
Conrad Wieczorek
William Wingelder

1951

Edmond Arbour
Percy Beaudette
John Boyle
James Campbell
Gus Caruso
John Corcoran
Vincent D'Agostino
Gerald E. Day
Paul Donohue
Bernard Farley
Joseph Fenyvessy
Michael Finerty
Ronald Fournier
John Fursman
William Grace
Ernest Harwick
Philip Haskell
Brian Inglis
Gerard Johnston
Edward Kopacz
William Lee
William Letterio
John Manuel
Lorenzo Marcolini

Edward McGrath
Hugh McKenzie
James McReavy
Walter Moroz
John Murphy
Terrence O'Neill
Vincent Pillow
Theodore Piwowarczyk
James Powell
Roman Przysieczniak
Raymond Puhlinger
Michael Quealev
Michael Revells
Karl Riedemann
Robert Roe
Leo Rogers
Sam Scala
Lawrence Shields
Robert Stephenson
Charles Stock
Gerald Stubensey
Micael Vasil
Terrence Whelan

1952

Paul Auger
James Bethune
David J. Bowers
Emileo Campanile
Albert Ceccuti
Dongald Chang
Joseph Corrigan
Thomas J. Day
Norman Dewhurst
Ronald Doyle
Leonard Ellery
Robert C. Enright
Francis Finlay
Jack Flanagan
Norman Glancy
Anthony Glocheskie
Jean Goulard
Theodore Hall
Raymond Hottman
Gordon Hunt
Donald Kay

Bernard Kelly
Francis M. Kenney
Robert Kimura
James Lawlor
William Leahy
Ambrose Luckasavitch
Ervin Luptak
David Marshall
Donald Mask
Leonard Mc Gravey
John McNena
Zygmunt Michniewicz
James Morse
John Mueller
Francis Mulrooney
William Noonan
James O'Connor
Robert O'Gorman
John Peacock
Kenneth Ross
John T. Scanlon
John Schenck
John Tuck
Henry Wriscinski

1953

Gus Badali
John Bolan
Del Brown
Janusz Brzozowski
Donald Caruso
James Chiang
Eugene Chorozy
Roger P. Clooney
Bernard J. Cottey
Robert L. Coker
Stephen Corvase
Gerard Coughlin
Farrell Crook
John Daly
John J. Dennis
Kerry Egan
John J. Flood
Michael L. George
Guy Hamel
Daniel Howitt

LOST ALUMNI

Lorne Jackson
Gus Lanzarotta
John W. LeClair
John I. Loitus
Allan Look
J. R. Lowme
Robert Marshall
Michael Martin
Thomas McCarrell
J. D. Morn
John M. Nugent
Richard J. Pegis
Cyril B. Piatkowski
Peter A. Robinson
Edward Rogers
Paul Rush
Edmund R. Ryan
Edward Topazzini
Leonard White
Herman P. Zander

1954

John C. Annett
Remus Bartnikas
Fredrick Beavers
George Benkowski
David E. Bird
Joe Boyd
Mike Brady
D'arcy J. Brooks
Robert Carey
John Chamberlin
Martin Chesser
Thomas Conway
David Cormack
Emmett Coughlan
Gerald Cronin
W. A. Curran
Thomas Cushing
Ron Dash
Robert Dodds
Robert Doyle
Terrence Dunn
John Fenn
Frank Finch
Benjamin Fiore
Francis Flanagan
Paul Flood
Norman Frenette
James Fry
Joseph Gleason
Ricardo Gomez
Michael Harrison
Ray R. Hiller

Barry Kavanagh
James Kehoe
Donald Kuzminski
Paul Lang
Albert Lugh
Gerald Manale
Peter Markle
Michael J. McDonald
Gerry McGoev
Ed McMahon
Victor Mimeault
Brian Moat
Gerard Nagy
Hugh O'Donnell
James O'Donnell
Richard J. Paczek
John Pascht
John Quinn
Vincent Rainsborough
Dennis Redican
Austin Repath
Chester Repischak
Stephen Rusk
Ronald Sakay
Paul Sauve
Al Schuell
Anthony Sheedy
Archibald Swarbrick
Rickie Valentini
John Verhoeven
Ernest Vertolli
Ernest Villamere
John Vojtech
Garth Wardsworth
John Wightman
Walter Zmud

1955

Patrick Banning
Frederick Blandford
Norman Bolton
Peter Bryson
Barry Callaghan
James Cameron
Peter Casey
Larry Darby
William Finnegan
Francis Giguere
Peter Harrison
Gerald Kavanagh
Jim Leonard
Patrick MacKinnon
William E. Martin
Leonard Masowski

Peter Mason
John McCrohan
Gerald Morris
John Murphy
Robert C. Murray
Paul O'Neill
Michael Pagniello
Erwin Schleimer
James Scott
Dennis G. Sheehan
Robin Shepherd
William Stevens
James Vince
Joseph Wrona

1956

Larry Agnelli
James Antonette
John Arbour
Joseph Bak
Wilfred Bastien
Robert Bolton
Dominic Capalbo
Terry Cullen
Lawrence Davis
Charles Doyle
John Drolet
John Evans
John Fitzpatrick
Colin Fox
Paul Gareau
Paul Gooderham
Thomas Hayes
Kenneth Hopper
John Kennedy
William Laxton
David Lee
Michael Mallon
Ambrose McCabe
Peter McDonnell
Edward McGill
Philip McKinnon
John Moore
Ronald Munro
André Nicol
Paul O'Grady
Paul Partland
Robert Pomeroy
John Servais
Gerard St. Denis
Ray Staniunas
George Stevens
William Ward
Jim Weber

Edward Wiatre
Robert Yeo

1957

Ian Arneaud
Edgar Aube
René Bayley
Lawrence Black
Michael Bolton
Lawrence Bruce
Francis Burns
Paul Burns
Kevin P. Campbell
Paul Carroll
Michael Correia
John Cranstoun
Dennis Crisp
Gustavo Delgado
John Devan
Terence Devine
Fred Disera
James Dunn
Martin Dunn
Gordon Edwards
Peter Favot
William Federkow
Barry Fegarty
Robert Fuller
John T. Gariepy
Rolf Hasenack
Peter Heslin
James O. Hughes
Gordon Jackson
James Jackson
Frank Jeserak
Harvey Knott
Thomas Lawrence
John Luczka
John Marcolin
Patrick McAuley
Finley McCarnay
Beverley McCue
Ted McGovern
Jack McMahon
Anthony Murphy
Stephen Murphy
George Murray
Gary Nicholson
Peter Parissi
James Quail
Laurie Reinsborough
Donald Renzetti
David Rimstad
Fred Roman

Barry Roy
Roy Rupert
Lucio Sandrin
J. Schillaci
Thomas Shaw
Joseph Skulj
John Smart
Tibor Stefansky
Thomas Sullivan
Christian Turianski
Kerrigan Turner
Eugene Ubriaco
Timothy Ulrichsen
Paul Van Wieringen
Leonard Wait
Charles White
George White
Thomas Wilson
Carman Winarski
Carman Woodford
Chester Zarzecny

1958

Paul Agotha
Franz Andrighetti
Basil Arbour
Patrick Baldwin
Denny Bell
William Belliveau
James Bishop
Paul Black
James Bruce
William Burak
Kenneth Byrne
John Callaghan
Basil Campbell
Robert Cardinali
Paul Cartan
Vincent Cascone
Thomas Connolly
Matthew Corrigan
Carlo Corvese
Elio Costa
Ronald Coulas
Dennis Decarli
Julio DeCresce
Robert Dilworth
Charles Dunkl
Peter Englehart
Donald Ferris
Thomas Gorman
Paul Grisé
Francis Hilb
Raymond Hultay

Bill Kane
John Kennedy
Wayne Knox
Norbert Kovalskie
Nick W. Krasniuk
Fred Lang
Paul Lemay
Allan Lohan
Dominic Macri
Ceaser Maniago
Patrick Mannell
Michael Marlborough
Alf McCabe
Norbert McCabe
Ernie McCluskey
Paul McDonnell
Thomas McDonnell
Thomas McDonough
John McGoe
Brian McGrady
Dean McKinnon
Joseph Mik
Fred Mugele
Michael Mulkern
David Murdoch
Paul Murphy
Thomas Murphy
Richard Nannini
Douglas O'Hara
John Partland
Tim Patterson
Norman Perrone
William Raino
Eugene Rebellato
Joseph Ricci
Andrew Rosycki
Garnet Rubinato
Ray Rutkowski
John L. Ryan
John M. Ryan
Roy Sakaguchi
Paul Seitz
Theophil Shanab
Martin Sharpe
David Shea
Dale Shiels
Rocco Shiralli
John Shuman
James Sonoski
Henrik Stavand
Lawrence Stokes
Alfred Stong
David Theobald
Gregory Thompson

Paul Thompson
Lawrence Tindale
Francis Tomauolo
Edmond Valin
Joseph Verhoeven
Joseph Walsh
Herbert Weber
James Wilbee
Lawrence Wilson
Byron Winarsky
John Worth
Douglas Wright
Vincent Zuccaro

1959

Richard Arbour
Jon E. Austin
Anthony Bailey
Kenneth Baskett
Albert Berti
Edward Bodner
Augustus Boem
Harvey Bottrel
David Broadhurst
Pierre Brunet
Joseph Campbell
Charles Cancelli
Lawrence Chiovitti
Robert Cochrane
John Cudahy
William Currie
Bowes Dempsey
Raymond Downes
Peter Fattori
John Frechette
Jacques Gareau
Hans Hasenack
Stephen Hatton
Michael Hennessey
William Hickey
John Hunt
Lawrence Jones
Terence Kavanagh
Thomas Kavanagh
Donald Keeble
Alvin Keith
Paul Kelly
Peter Kidd
Fred Kielburger
Michael Kmieciewicz
Ihor Kowaliw
Ihor Krochmaluk
Michael La Chappelle
Stephen Lacroix

Brian Latchford
D'Arcy Lawrence
Michael Lenhardt
Andrew Lohrbach
Rocco Losole
Peter Ludziewski
Paul Maloney
Verne Mandolesi
Kenneth McGovern
Michael McGrath
James McInnis
Edward McLean
Gerrard Murphy
Brian Nelson
Winston Nelson
Michael Newlove
Patrick B. O'Neill
Patrick E. O'Neill
Michael O'Regan
Terrence Oster
Jack Owen
Robert Palante
Michael Pare
Terrence Patten
Joseph Quinn
Patrick Quinn
Alex Riasov
Gerald Roy
Joseph Ryan
Philip Salapatek
Stanley Salapatek
John Sandala
Robert Scami
William Sheahan
Christopher Short
Joseph Snyders
William Sorenson
Ronald Stevenson
John Stokes
John Sungaila
William Swirsky
Terrence Tait
Paul Teskev
Victor Von Buchstab
Gary Wagner
Ralph Weiland
Dennis Welbanks
Philip Wiley
George Wilson
John Zentins

In the summer of 2005, my wife, Brigitte, and I joined 18 Basilians and friends of Basilians on a Beatitudes Pilgrimage to Colombia. The trip was organized by [Francis "Hobo" Brown](#) (see profile in Vol. 2 Spring, *Blue Banner*) who is affectionately known to his friends and colleagues in the Peace movement as "Hobo". Its purpose was to introduce us to Colombia, a country known for its poverty, violence and drug trafficking, and to the work that the Basilian Fathers were doing among the destitute in Bogota, Cali and Medellin.

When we got off the plane from Miami we were shepherded past the customs officials and the armed guards and onto the bus which would take us to San Pedro Claver Retreat House. Although it was already dark as we drove through the streets of Bogota, our first images were striking. We were met with walls, fences, iron gates and barbed wire around every building no matter how humble or poor. Even the beautiful retreat house, set in a middle class neighbourhood, was enclosed by a high wall and iron gate which only the porter could unlock. As we settled into our simple but comfortable rooms, we were warned not to venture outside the walls alone.

During our initial sessions of getting to know one another, Father Rafael Lopera, the first native Basilian ordained to the priesthood, welcomed us with what we would come to know as Colombian warmth, grace and generosity. We were given the itinerary and daily schedule for our two week sojourn in this country of contradictions, and we soon realized that we were about to be part of a rigorous immersion course in the realities of the people of Colombia. Each day included a study session, a visit to a workshop, a community centre or a barrio, a reflection on the Beatitudes and the celebration of Mass. The pilgrimage began with a visit to Casa Annuonay where Fr. Rafael Guzmán, S.M., Novice Master, greeted us and shared his Colombian experiences.

Probably because I am a teacher, the highlight of the trip was our visit to the Basilian school in Cali. Though the *Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion (INSA)* is located in one of the poorest and most violent barrios—four or

five murders took place there every week that summer — its curriculum and facilities are the envy of many middle class schools. However, INSA accepts only children from the poor families who live in the neighborhood and are able to pass the rigorous entrance exams. Fr. Raphael proudly showed us around the school which was partly built with money from the sale of the Michael Power lands in Etobicoke. He pointed out an inscription at the entrance to the school which read, 'Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of this educational community'. He went on to explain that the tuition and other educational necessities for one student cost the equivalent of C\$750, well beyond the reach of many of the families. Fr. Raphael continues in his struggle to put in place a scholarship fund for students from grade four to grade 11.

As I left Colombia to return to the comfort and safety of Canada, I promised Fr. Raphael that I would do what I could to help him with his fund. Since then, a Social Justice Committee from among the Alumni of St. Michael's College School has been established. It includes Lawrence [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted]. Its purpose is to educate our own alumni and students about the tremendous challenges faced by the families in Cali, and to aid the Basilians there to continue their marvelous work among them. As Fr. Barringer said in an article in *Stirrings*: The Basilians "are not educating the poor so they can find future careers in New York and Toronto but so they can begin for the first time to be able to do something to shape a country of their own." We welcome Alumni support for the scholarship fund which would annually guarantee five poor students a \$1,000.00 bursary to attend the Basilian school in Cali.

Thanks to the generosity of the student body, the alumni and the Basilian Fathers, a cheque for \$10,000 was given to INSA in June, 2007. The plan is to make this an annual donation. No one can afford to turn their back on another human being.

Larry Schmidt is a Professor of Religious Ethics in the Department for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto and heads up the SMCS Social Justice Committee. He has just returned from a Peace and Justice Pilgrimage to Mexico and can be reached at: larry.schmidt@utoronto.ca.

St. Michael's 2007 Turkey Roll and Reunion

This year, the famous **Turkey Roll** will be held on **Friday, November 30th, 2007**. The night starts at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. As always, there will be casino games, and the dealers will be past and present staff. Food and beverages will be served throughout the evening. Alumni of all ages are welcome!

The classes of **1958 (50 years)**, **1983 (25 years)** and **1998 (10 years)** will be honoured at this year's Turkey Roll.

Corrections ~ *The Blue Banner* would like to apologize to Gary Beredet '57 for misspelling his name on page 14 of the Spring 2007 issue.

Buzzers Reunion

The Buzzers of 1968 – 1972 will also be having a reunion on **Friday, November 30th** in the SMCS Old Boys lounge in the arena. To RSVP please e-mail Stephanie Gough at gough@smcsmail.com.

Class of 2007 Christmas Dinner

St. Michael's College School and the St. Michael's Alumni Association would like to welcome the Class of 2007 back to the school for a dinner hosted in your honour.

The **Annual Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, December 20th, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria**.

The evening will give us the opportunity to formally welcome you to the Alumni Association, and give you the chance to catch up with former classmates and teachers.

More information will be available in November.

and his wife Margaret announce the birth of Oliver Francis born May 26, 2007, a brother for Otis and grandson for proud parents, and Marie.

In Memoriam

He passed peacefully on 13 June 2007, died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 101 at Anglin House, Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. Father Mallon was predeceased by two sisters, Ellen and Catherine and four brothers, John, Paul, Michael, Robert and Frank. He attended St. Michael's College School and St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. He received a B.A. Honours in Modern Languages, and an M.A. from the University of Michigan. After studies in Paris, Father Mallon entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto and was ordained to the priesthood with his brother Hugh on December 16, 1934. Father Frank then spent 22 years teaching at Assumption University, Windsor and the remaining years in Toronto at the Newman Centre from 1957-75, then at his Alma Mater from 1974-1997. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Basil's Church followed by interment in the Basilian Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery.

The St. Michael's College School community has been deeply saddened by the passing of a dear friend in Fr. Rocco Volpe, R.S.M.

He on July 25, 2007. Rocco Volpe was born July 20, 1930 in Toronto and baptized in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church where the family has been long time faithful parishioners.

After high school, Fr. Volpe entered the Congregation of St. Basil and was ordained to the priesthood in 1957. Except for one year at Michael Power High School, Fr. Volpe spent his entire teaching career at St. Michael's College School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts

degree and a Bachelor of Theology from the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. He then was awarded a Masters degree from Middlebury College, Vermont, in Italian Studies and a Masters degree in Religious Education from the University of St. Michael's College.

Father immersed himself in the teaching of Italian and founded the Italian Club as well as the Italian Drama Society. Indeed, he served as mentor to the many students of Italian heritage at the school. His students loved this gentle, learned teacher and held him in the highest esteem. He always had a great love for sport. He was an outstanding hockey player in high school and his love of the game led to his involvement in coaching at several levels including the Junior "A" Buzzers. For a time, he coached football and served as Director of Athletics.

During his academic career, he served as Religious Education Consultant with the Metropolitan Separate School Board and also as Chaplain to Loretto Abbey. In 2004, Fr. Volpe received *The Order of St. Michael*, in recognition of his profound impact as a Basilian priest, teacher, coach and friend of youth. Fr. Volpe celebrated his fiftieth anniversary to the priesthood on June 29th of this year.

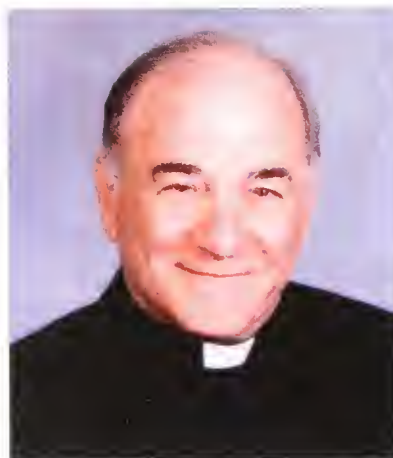
Father is survived by three brothers, John (Sandra), 1916-78 (Danielle), 1914-pl. (Maureen) and four sisters, Mary (Roy) Longo, Grace (Umberto) Superina, Anne (Robert) Corcoran, and Margaret (William) Jordan.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Basil's Church with Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B. as homilist and celebrant.

On behalf of the Basilian Fathers and the St. Michael's College School faculty and staff, our prayers are with the Volpe family. He will be dearly missed.

Most Reverend **Robert Bell Clune** '38 (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto), Most Reverend **Robert Bell Clune** '38, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Toronto, died on September 6, 2007 at the age of 86. Born in Toronto on

September 18, 1920 he was one of seven brothers and is survived by John. Bishop Clune was predeceased by



Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B.

Paul, William, Donald '48, Walt '49 and Arthur '55. He was raised in St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Toronto and attended St. Michael's College School before entering St. Augustine's Seminary in 1938. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1945 and then entered the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. graduating in 1948 with a Doctorate and Licentiate in Canon Law. In May, 1979, he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto by Pope John Paul II and was ordained Bishop the following month by Emmett Cardinal Carter. During the course of his priesthood, he served in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, St. Ann's, St. Wilfred's Parish in Downsview and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Whitby. Besides being a reserved army chaplain, he played an important role in the Knights of Columbus. Bishop Clune was deeply committed to missionary work. From 1971 to 1979 he was President of the Catholic Church Extension Society. He retired in 1997 and lived at St. Bernard's Residence in Toronto. He will be remembered for his leadership, counsel and good humour. A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Michael's Cathedral on September 12.

Please also remember classmates and friends:

Cecil Zambri '40; Fred Black '42, son of the late Edward and Florence and brother of Edward; Thomas Pezzack '47; Joe Halloran '50; Gary Brioux '51; Frank O'Reilly

'52; Gino Artuso '54; George Murray '57; Lionel Core '57, brother of Paul '58; Bob Bell '57; Darryl Hayward Sly '58; William LaPlante '58; Al Forest '58; Brian Bridger '59, brother of Bruce '54; Terry Dolan '59; Nelson Raposo '79; John Francis Walsh, father of Tom '75, Bernard '73, John '73, Herb, Pat, Dave; Ron Burke, father of Sean '83; Irene McCauley, mother of Wes '89; John Joseph Sullivan, Brother-in-law of Dr. Hugh Canning '54; Ken Wells, father of Barton Wells '94; Fred Halischuk, grandfather to Matt Halischuk '06; Lori Tamburri, mother of Daniel '10; Helen Keeler, mother of Paul '03; Jim O'Brien '45

May these and all the faithful departed graduates and friends of St. Michael's College School rest in peace.

The St. Michael's community is saddened by the passing of our alumni. We strive to publish all death notices as soon as we receive them and make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the obituaries. Please help us keep your loved ones in the school's prayers by sending information to the Office of Advancement at advancement@smcsmail.com or 416-653-3180 x273



John Callaghan '81, Joe Younder '56, Fr. Rocco Volpe C.S.B. '48

Lest We Forget: Remembering St. Michael's Fallen Graduates

Fr. William O'Brien, CSB; Lt. (ret) 1922–1998

Priest; Teacher; Soldier; Chaplain; Linguist; Archivist;
Mentor of Young Men

A Man Remembered

His attention to detail, stately military carriage, impeccable dress and marching gait, precision-like ordered French classes and his general attention to detail, all marked him as a disciplined, focused, take charge kind of man dedicated to the task at hand. It is to his memory and thanks that the following article of appreciation is dedicated. It was Fr. Bill, who as archivist at St. Michael's College School in 1998, had a continuing dream of erecting a "Wall of Remembrance" at St. Michael's College School to honour its fallen graduates, similar to that erected through his efforts at the University of St. Michael's College in 1988. That dream came to pass in June 2000.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month—1918—it was the end of The Great War, the "war to end all wars". Some of you who read this had grandfathers, great grandfathers, great uncles, fathers and uncles who served in Canada's military in that appalling and bloody conflict.

There are many memorials in the hundreds of cemeteries that dot the countryside of Northern France, and Belgium. Canada was allotted five such cemeteries in France and three in Belgium by the Imperial War Grave Commission. They hold the graves of most of the 60,000, (according to "Marching to Armageddon: Canadians and the Great War 1914–1919" by Desmond Morton and Jack Granatstein), Canadians who never returned, with close

to a third resting in unidentified or unknown graves.

The names of those known are cut into their headstones; some show 'A Soldier of the Great War', above the cross and below it, 'Known Unto God', for the unknown dead. All with no known graves have their names incised into the main memorial in Vimy Ridge.

Across Canada, in village squares, town plazas and in imposing locations in major cities, Cenotaphs, Memorial Crosses, statues and towers commemorate the sacrifice of those killed and who are buried in those 'Canadian' cemeteries as well as those in multinational or local church cemeteries. Hart House Soldiers Tower 'Memorial

Archway' at the University of Toronto, is such a place with names of the known dead from all colleges and faculties enshrined.

However, not all of St. Michael's alumni, at the College School and University were so remembered on campus. Back in 1945–1946, St. Michael's and the Basilian Fathers decided to erect a memorial to all alumni killed in The Great War and WWII. Time passed but nothing happened for nearly 40 years. Then, Fr. William O'Brien, a graduate of St. Michael's College 1943, who had enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery in 1943, serving as a Lieutenant until wars end in 1945, decided in early 1985 that such a remembrance had to come to fruition.

On Friday, October 25, 1985, he wrote a letter to Fr. James McConica, President of the University of St. Michael's College declaring his intent.



Fr. William O'Brien, C.S.B. '40

He wrote, "As an alumnus of St. Michael's College School and of St. Michael's College, and as a surviving ex-serviceman of the Canadian Army (Active Service) during WWI, I am moved at this time by a sense of gratitude to God Who in His goodness, so ordained that my name not appear on the enclosed Honour Roll.

I am moved by a profound regret that, to the best of my knowledge, nothing has been done to realize the altogether fitting memorial to our fallen dead. However, it is hardly probable that our predecessors envisaged a memorial comparable in size to those presently in place at Soldiers' Tower, Hart House"

With his love of school and military tradition, Fr. Bill became the moving spirit that culminated in the memorial carved into the stone 'slupe' between More and Fisher Houses (University of St. Michael's College), and dedicated to their memory. It was completed by November 1988. It also came to pass that on Saturday, June 10th, 2000, one and a half years after Fr. O'Brien's death, a similar 'Wall of Remembrance' was erected

at St. Michael's College School honouring its fallen graduates of World War I, World War II, the Korean War and those who died in Peace Service.

With November 11th approaching, let us remember our school history and those 119 St. Michael's College School alumni, along with some 340 St. Michael's University alumni, who performed the greatest of sacrifices—lest we forget.

Fr. Bill O'Brien, C.S.B. saw something that needed to be done, and did it.



Wall of Remembrance

Jim Gregory

*On Wednesday night, May 30, while driving home from a family function in Dunnville, Jim Gregory received the call that he was to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame making him the 14th St. Mike's recipient of the award. I caught up with Jim at *Lea's Farm*, Old Boys Golf Reunion at Streetsville Glen Golf Club. This is Jim's story in his own words.*

Dunnville, (pop. 5,000 in 1953) in case you don't know, is 30 km west of Port Colbourne on Hwy. 3. If that's not clear, try Byng or Lowbanks, how about Wainfleet? Anyway, that's where a young *James Gregory* came from in 1953 to enter grade 12 at St. Michael's College School and take up residence in Tweedsmuir House. His fellow roommates were, *Alfred Thompson* (Kitchener), *Frank Thompson* (Simcoe) and *Bob Davidson* (Kirkland Lake) with *Fr. James Bauer, C.S.C.* as House Prefect.

offered him a job with the Midget team. Their relationship continued well into both their careers.

That was in 1954 and in 1955 Jim left St. Mike's, took a job at Colgate Palmolive and enrolled in the University of Toronto where he began a correspondence course. "I was broke and there was no way I could continue my education. Also, Fr. Bauer told me not to abandon my studies," said Jim. It was also Fr. Bauer who encouraged Stafford Smythe to hire young Gregory in 1959 to work in the Leaf Amateur Farm System. From 1955-59 he had already been working in all jobs associated with the Majors.



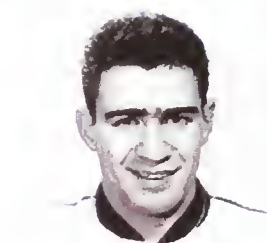
From Trainer to Hockey

What brought Jim there was the influence of his Dunnville cousins, *John* and *Tom*, the latter also living in Tweedsmuir House. *John* and *Tom* attended the old Bay Street school with the intent of pursuing a hockey career. Instead, they honed their skills for the law courts.

While playing for the Kerry Blues football team, Jim tried out twice for the Jr. "B" club and was cut both times by *Coach*. Undaunted, he went to play for the juveniles but soon the late night games took their toll. Boarders needed their sleep. At that time, *Fr. Bauer* who was helping out as coach, saw something in young Jim and

"There was no dratt at the time, and "my job was to help Bob Davidson, Chief Leaf Scout, to recruit prospects. I

tried to get players to come to St. Mike's and once they signed a card, they were in the Leaf system," he recalls. He left Colgate Palmolive and went to work for the Leafs while keeping his job at St. Mike's. In 1960, by then managing and coaching the Majors as well, Jim was part of the organization that won the Memorial Cup as Junior champions of Canada. For many, it was also a sad time. The Basilian Fathers saw that the demanding schedule and long road trips were taking their toll on the student-players, and decided to



get out of Major Junior hockey. However, Stafford Smythe wanted to keep the school in hockey and, along with the Toronto Marlboros, formed the Metro Junior League in 1961-62. Jim found a home for the team at Neil McNeil High School, and was coach and manager of the Maroons when they won the league championship in the same year.

The short-lived league was soon disbanded in 1962-63 and Jim took players from both the Marlies and St. Mike's and formed the Toronto Marlboros team and returned to the O.H.A. In his opinion, as manager and coach, "it was the best team ever" as they went on to win the Memorial Cup in 1964. Some members of that team were Gerry Meehan '65, Mike Walton '62, Andre Champagne '62, Gary Dineen '62, Rod Seiling '62, Gary Smith '62, Wayne Carleton, Ron Ellis, Pete Stemkowski, Jim McKenny, Brit Selby and Barry Watson, all destined for the NHL. In 1967, with Jim as GM, they won their second Memorial Cup.

It was in 1964 that Jim met with Stafford Smythe who asked him what he wanted in life. Jim felt he would

Hockey League as Director of Central Scouting. In 1986 he was named Vice President and Executive Director of Hockey Operations for the NHL. Today, Jim continues as Senior Vice President of Hockey Operations. Under his management the implementation of video goal reviews was introduced. He has truly left his mark on a sport that he has come to know and love. Those who speak of him make reference to his loyalty and integrity.

Jim gives high praise to **E. Dan Imlach, C.S.B. '45** who "put me on the hockey path and I am truly indebted to him and Stafford Smythe. My dream was to be involved with Junior hockey and I never imagined that I would get to work in the NHL, much less to be an honoured member of the Hockey Hall of Fame."

Because of health issues, Jim asked for a leave of absence from his league-wide duties back in January, including his role with the Hall's selection committee. He received the call of his induction into the builders' category while driving home from a family function in Dunnville. The news caused him to pull off the road. "I was just

Hall of Fame

be ending his career in Junior hockey, but Stafford "encouraged me to learn everything I could about pro-hockey," he recalls. He quit coaching and became General Manager of the Marlboros as well as traveling with the Leafs and honing his skills scouting with Bob Davidson. Jim joined the Western Hockey League's Vancouver Canucks as head coach in 1967-68. In 1968-69 he was hired to work in the Leafs' operation department with Bob Davidson focusing on scouting duties. At the age of 33 he replaced Punch Imlach as the Leafs' General Manager in the spring of 1969 and stayed in that position for ten seasons. During that decade, the Maple Leafs made the playoffs eight times.

One of the first NHL managers to recognize Europe as a talent pool for the NHL, Gregory quickly emerged as a strong executive and in 1979 was hired by the National

flabbergasted. My wife, Rosalie, and I really enjoyed the moment." In true Gregory fashion, he relates, "I don't really deserve it". On the contrary, we know you do Jim.

And what do others say of Jim.

Edo Anagnostis - from Pampano Beach Florida says,



Jim Gregory, Trainer

Little Jimmy shot a good game of pool and is a great guy who well represents St. Mike's and the NHL."

Others like _____ and _____ relate stories of their early playing days with Jim and the Majors.

Tom writes, "I spent a lot of time on buses and hockey related experiences in the 1957-58 season with the Majors. Jim was a combination trainer, assistant general manager-coach and triend with that team. In my very first league game in St. Catharines, I was cut under the eye and the St. Johns Ambulance attendant insisted Jim and I walk to the Doctor's Room by going around the rink on the cement so as not to disrupt the game. What idiot logic we thought. The period ended before we could get to the Doctor's Room, and now we had the crowd to contend with. You know what that would be like in Rex Steimer's arena. Both Jim and I complained but not bitterly to the St. Johns guy that there must be a better way. The guy was upset and said we were rather rude to him. We weren't, given the circumstances. _____ asked us to apologize and we both refused saying we didn't do anything wrong. It was then that Jim said the next time a Teepee player needs to get to the Doctor's Room at MLG, they should try walking around the arena in front of the crowd. The St. Johns attendant and Rudy Pilous were so angry that they turned around and walked away. I golfed with Jim recently and he remembered the incident as clearly as

I did. I thought it might be my last game but Fr. Bauer believed us. I played two exhibition games for the Majors against the University of Michigan that Jim coached. I have to say Jim was a 'player's coach'."

_____ narrates another anecdote: "My memories of Jim Gregory go back to the mid 50's at SMCS. Jim was a boarder in Tweedsmuir House and like _____ said, he was a pool shark and would regularly beat the likes of _____ and _____. Jim was also on the track team and a sprint star in the 100 and 200 yard dash. He became a trainer for the Majors in 1956. His job was to look after the equipment, communicating practice schedules, travel times and other chores that would assist the coach and general manager. He learned these skills so well that he eventually became a coach under the tutelage of _____.

_____ Later he became a G.M. for the Toronto Marlboros OHA Jr. "A" club reporting to Harold Ballard and Stafi Smythe. Jim's dedication and hard work led to his becoming the G.M. for the Toronto Maple Leafs and eventually an executive position in the NHL. In my opinion the most important characteristic about Jim was, and is, his compassion for people. He was always available and willing to help others. His concern for _____ (St. Mike's and Marlies) who broke his neck and John D'Amico (Linesman and Hockey Hall of Fame recipient) who contracted leukemia and needed assistance, will never



Bill Hay, Cam Neely, Jim Gregory, 2005



be forgotten. He also has a soft spot for St. Mike's and donates his time and experience. He well deserves the Hall."

David Keene, Dick Lantz, George Peterson, David Johnson, Jack McQuinn, Jim O'Neil, Fred Jones, John Longworth, George McQuinn, Ed and Barbara McQuinn, Gene Cuccia, Alvin Graham, Fred Kasper, Les Duff, Mike Duff, Joe Younder, Les Duff, Gene Cuccia, and many other classmates and friends, turned out at (Continued) golf reunion to celebrate Jim's recent honour.

What did all these people have in common? They were all believers in a cause and people who wanted to make things happen. They were committed to help form public policy through their courage and love of humanity.

At times, they all fought personal frustration and even despair, but persevered. The world is better off because of them. As alumni, we can feel honoured to be in their company.

Congratulations, Jim.

Joe Younder '56



Gene Cuccia '52, Jim Gregory '55, Les Duff '54

Around St. Mike's

St. Michael's College School initiates the African-Canadian Christian Entrance Scholastic Scholarship (ACCESS)

St. Michael's College School is pleased to announce the establishment of ACCESS, the *African-Canadian Christian Entrance Scholastic Scholarship*, an endowment fund to help offset the cost of tuition for African-Canadian students who have been admitted to St. Michael's College School. The scholarship is based upon the following criteria: a demonstration of financial need; sound academics; involvement in extracurricular activities and a demonstration of commitment to Christian service. Students will be selected by the SMCS Bursary and Scholarship committee. Both the value and the number of scholarships granted will be determined by the size of the endowment.

FR. JOSEPH REDICAN, Alumni Executive and Past President, **FR. MARIO DEPIERO**, Vice Principal, founders of the scholarship, are optimistic that over the next five years, the fund will be healthy enough to sustain a solid bursary foundation.

One short term goal is to raise \$25,000 by September 2008 and events such as a charity golf tournament and a

scholarship award ball are being considered. To date, the fund has raised \$15,000 in pledges and contributions. If you have any questions or wish to support the fund, contact **Kimm Bailey** in the **Advancement Office** at **416-653-4483**.

All Star Baseball Awards

Congratulations to **SEAN SMITH** '07 who was recently selected to the *Toronto Star* all star baseball team. He received diamond treatment at the Blue Jays – Dodgers game on June 20, 2007.

News from St. Michael's Buzzers

Rich Krich '04, Head Coach & General Manager, Director of Hockey Operations and **Mario DePiero**, Assistant Coach & Academic Advisor, inform us that **Matt Delaney** '07 was a fourth round draft pick of the New Jersey Devils. Matt will return to the Kitchener Rangers Club this September. **Louie Cormier** '07 was a third round draft pick of the Ottawa Senators. Lou will be attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on a hockey scholarship this September. **Brendan Smith**, former Buzzer, was selected 27th in the first round draft by the Detroit Red Wings. Brendan is now playing for

Brandon Sousa '07, Fr. Joseph Redican C.S.B.



the University of Wisconsin on a hockey scholarship. His older brother, Rory, is presently playing for the Buzzers and was recently drafted 17th overall to the New York Titans National Lacrosse League. Coach Ricci says, "Things look good for next year with possibly two or three N.H.L. picks. *Brandon Turlon '07* looks like a good candidate and will be going to the University of Michigan in 2008. Congratulations to all the coaching personnel and the team. Thanks also to *Mike McCann '90*, President and owner of the St. Michael's Buzzers and Assistant Coach, Steve Thomas."

For the first time in Buzzers' history three brothers are playing on the team: *Eric Robins '07*, Michael and Marc following in the footsteps of their father, *Art '81*.

100 Years of Hockey Commemorative Plaque

In 2006-2007, St. Michael's College School celebrated the 100th anniversary of its involvement in organized hockey at the school. The 2006-2007 Student Government presented the Basilian Fathers with a bronze plaque to commemorate this outstanding accomplishment. *Brandon Sousa '07*, the class President, is seen here presenting the plaque to Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B. the President of St. Michael's College School which has been mounted at the front door of the St. Michael's Arena.

School Newspaper Awards

On Friday, June 1, 2007 the *Toronto Star* announced the winners and runners-up of the *Toronto High School Newspaper Awards*. Congratulations to *Iro Kalousdian '09* who placed first for *Illustration* and *Grant Gonzales '07* who was runner-up for *Sports Photography*.

You Can Judge a Company by the Company it Keeps

It's amazing at the number of graduates who are now teaching and working at St. Mike's.



St. Mike's Banquet—1948



Past & present staff relax after their annual golf tournament

They are as follows: *Paul Barr '71*, History; *Francisco Bazzocchi '63*, English/Theology; *Joe Brasho '67*, Principal; *Chris Coleman '61*, Core Intermediate/Geography; *Michael DeBorja '94*, Director of Communications; *Nick DiPietro '67*, French; *Alex Francour '92*, Science/Career Studies; *Eric John '87*, Vice Principal; *Dan Lee '84*, History/Law; *Dan Lindsay '96*, Math/Computer Studies; *Fr. John Mall C.S.B. '66*, Dean of Students; *Pat Mancuso '60*, Core Intermediate/Civics; *Peter McCann '72*, Theology/Philosophy; *Paul Nitsch '65*, Arena Maintenance; *Matthew Pagano '92*, Core Intermediate/Physical Education; *Maurice Pasquini '79*, Core Intermediate/Civics; *Mark Pulla '99*, French; *Michael Ros '86*, Math/History; *Gino Saccone '80*, Controller; *Kevin Shaughnessy '00*, Civics/Religion/Geography; *Terri Sheridan '89*, Vice Principal; *Ian Thomson '64*, Science; *Paul Thomson '65*, Human Resources Manager; *Frank Trentadue '84*, Guidance Counselor; *Robert Tunney '81*, Arena Manager; *Steve Tunney '82*, Assistant Arena Manager; *John Vella '85*, Math/Theology/Debate; *Mark Viola '97*, Art Teacher; *John Walsh '73*, Science/Student Government Moderator; *Joe Zownir '86*, Science/Physical Education.

Of the 77 staff members, 26 are alumni. Congratulations to you and all your colleagues who, as role models, continue to inspire, instruct and inform future St. Mike's grads.

St. Mike's Is More Than Just a School for Jocks

*How often has it been said that St. Mike's is a hockey school or a boys' sports club or "you have to be an athlete to go there." Well, that image has been redefined many times over the years as evident by the number of letters **THE BUCKINGHAM** Principal receives from appreciative parents and students. We reprint one such testimonial from the parents of **THE BUCKINGHAM**.*

Dear Joe:

I'll never forget sitting in the cafeteria when Lee was going into Grade seven, when I heard these words:

"St. Mike's is not a hockey school. It has a rigorous academic curriculum... May your son be up to the challenge of St. Mike's."

Yeah sure, I said to myself. St. Mike's has sent more players to the N.H.L. than any school in Canada. Maybe my little AAA hockey and baseball playing son would be one of them, or at least get a scholarship in one of the sports.

How wrong was I.

Lee got hit from behind one too many times playing hockey and never really liked baseball as much as his old man did, and finally quit playing. Yet, at St. Mike's he learned to enjoy art taught by the tremendously dedicated, Louise Pignetti. He learned how to do very advanced operations on his Macintosh Computer guided by a very encouraging Mark Crawford.

And Joe, you allowed him to form a skateboard club. Mark and Louise encouraged Lee to use his love of skateboarding and apply that interest to learning about video editing and artistic creativity. He attended winter camp at minus 30 because of *The Duke of Edinburgh Club* and Margaret DeCourcy.

It was encouragement, challenge, and freedom that helped mold our son into an educated young man, full of energy and promise, bursting with self-esteem and

as wealthy as can be with the wonderful friendships he made at St. Mike's.

And you Joe always returned our call with great speed. Whatever my concern was, you took the time to listen, and gave us counsel. You guided these wonderful educators and administrators who really care about educating young men. St. Mike's challenged our son to learn. It absolutely delivered on the promise of teaching Lee goodness, discipline and knowledge. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you and the St. Mike's family.

May God continue to bless you and your family Joe.

With warmest regards, we remain

Sincerely,

Byron Yankou & Nancy Barkley

St. Mike's has much to offer its students. I recently counted 65 clubs and activities.

Working for Out of the Cold. L-R: Fr. May, Fr. Redican and Peter Grbac—the force behind the drive



Out Of The Cold... "St. Mike's Is Where It All Began..."

So says Sister Susan Moran of Our Lady's Missionaries (O.L.M.), a true Sister of Mercy. This is her story and she wants it to be told to the St. Michael's community and beyond. The material has been taken from the Blue Banner 1989, the Toronto Star, Jan. 27, 2007, and updated in a recent interview with Sister Moran.

The cries of the poor, the hungry and the homeless are heard in our city of Toronto. There are many women, men and children who do not have enough to eat and who have no permanent place to live. In the winter months they suffer from cold, inadequate food and in some cases are forced by circumstances to live on the street.

In his 1988 New Year's message, Cardinal Emmett Carter "expressed the needs of the homeless and challenged us to respond," said Sister Moran. The students of St. Michael's College School under the direction of Fr. John Murphy, C.S.B., *Keynote Address*, Sister Moran, of Our Lady's Missionaries, teachers at the school and along with Rev. John Erb, of St. Michael's and All Angels Anglican Church, opened *Out of the Cold* on Jan. 15, 1987. Its initial center was a converted photography shop on St. Clair Avenue West. Every Saturday for about four hours the homeless came and "we shared their lives offering a hot meal, warm clothing and groceries." Fr. Frank McCabe, C.S.B., Principal at the time, offered his prayers, trust and assistance," related Sister Moran. The programme was enthusiastically supported by staff and students, along with the dedication of Fr. Leo Campbell, C.S.B. at Holy Rosary Church.

On Saturday, November 19, 1998, *Out of the Cold* found a new home at Holy Rosary Church under the then Pastor, Fr. Pat Parkin, C.S.B. "Every Saturday, between 12 noon and 3:00 p.m., we tried to maintain a warm and loving atmosphere," says Sister Moran.

Out of the Cold has come a long way since those early days. Last fall, Governor General Michaëlle Jean invested Moran with the Order of Canada for her work with the homeless. "*Out of the Cold* is one of the most remarkable and successful institutions helping people in Toronto," says Richard Alway, President of St. Michael's, University of St. Michael's College.

Sister Moran was inspired to start up a sanctuary for those wandering the streets after a homeless man called George died in 1986. Back then, she was a chaplain at St. Michael's College School where George used to come and sleep in the yard and where her students would visit bringing him food and clothes. It wasn't until she was 24 that she decided to join a religious order. She got her calling after working as a school teacher and an earlier stint as a nursing student. At 19, she became critically ill during her training and saw first hand the suffering of the poor and sick. She vowed if she recovered she would give her life to God. "I knew my mission. My calling was here with the homeless," she says. "We have to be a public witness to the suffering of the street people here in Toronto and throughout the world."

Sister requested that now is the time to introduce and recognize those students who can well be considered co-founders of the programme: *Our Lady's Missionaries*, Sister Susan Moran, President of the Student Council, *Our Lady's Missionaries*, Sister Joanne, *Our Lady's Missionaries*, Ed Moran and Liz Eustace, niece of Sister Moran.

"Please pray for us, and if you can, help us with warm clothing, food or financial help. St. Michael's College School has always cared deeply for the poor and suffering of the world. Let us continue to live in this tradition," concludes Sister Moran. Sister can be reached at 416-926-1621.

I have been informed that on June 20, 2007, the Student Council and staff gave \$3,000 to Out of the Cold. Sister Moran's work is being carried on by Peter Garbano and Fr. Joe Redican, C.S.B.



Sister Susan Moran of Our Lady's Missionaries (O.L.M.), Governor General Michaëlle Jean

Celebrating St. Mike's Classic Sports History

Larry Colle '68

I have always been struck with the connection between the past and the present at St. Michael's College School ever since I graduated in 1969. In May of 1969 the then Vice Principal, Hugh McDougall organized a benefit hockey game to assist the family of the late Bruce Draper who had died in 1968 after a courageous struggle against cancer. Draper had continued to play in the American Hockey League during cancer treatments and had been one of the brightest stars of the Memorial Cup-winning Majors team of 1961.

Mr. McDougall organized a game that featured the St. Michael's senior varsity team versus a star-studded group of alumni. There was a magical feeling at the game as old and new blended together in a common cause that was rudely interrupted when I was hit by a puck as I spoke to my lovely date for the evening. But the alumni were all there: including Dave Keane '60, Bill Thomson '60 and Paul Thompson '61 to help in a common cause.

Fast forward to 2000—I further developed my love of hockey by joining the Society for International Hockey Research (SIHR) that seeks to celebrate, research and preserve Canadian hockey history. My chosen field of specialty was St. Michael's hockey history. Later, I was approached by Mimi Marrocco, Director of Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College to put my passion to work. Since 2002, I have led a celebration of St. Michael's classic sports history with classes that have featured Fred McManis '60, Eric Gaudin '61, Bill W. '61, Bill Thomson '60, Jack MacIsaac '61 and recently Dave Keane.

Through the assistance and encouragement of Dan Prendergast, Fred MacIsaac '60, Bill Thomson '60, Mimi Marrocco, Kimberley Bailey and Fr. Daniel Zorzi, C.S.B., these classes have been held at the school since 2002. With the tireless efforts of Canada's top sports video archivist, Paul Patskou, we have viewed Majors and Buzzers video highlights as far back as the 1946 Memorial Cup finals. St. Michael's hockey memorabilia displays have been put together by Dan Nicholson, a retired St. Michael's teacher and collector who owns some of Canada's best St. Michael's collectibles. Classes have also gone on field trips to Buzzers and Majors playoff games with guest speakers

such as Bill Thomson '60, Jerry Clune '62 and Leonard Kotylo, the SIHR president and hockey historian who specializes in Toronto hockey history. Classes have also attended the Maple Leafs alumni dinner and the bi-annual hockey collectibles show at the International Centre. It was at the Centre that a class came across a long-lost hockey trophy awarded to the St. Michael's Majors most valuable player. We were shocked as the dealer told us he was trying to sell it for \$15,000. The school had somehow lost track of this important symbol of St. Michael's hockey excellence.

However, the course has been much more than about sports. Frank McManis '60 spoke of his Canadian Senate career; Bill Kelly '61 told of his two terms as MP including the time he successfully ran against Alan Eagleson; Dave Keane '60 spoke of the special affection he always held for the school; Bill Thomson '60 told us of traveling alone as an 18-year-old to Communist Czechoslovakia in 1964 to join the Canadian Olympic team. All the speakers blended their talks on how they utilized their St. Michael's education for use in their post-hockey careers. We also managed to find a long lost audio tape of Bill Thomson '60 who spoke of his vision of melding hockey and education within the Canadian Olympic programme.

I also hosted classes on St. Michael's football and basketball history and screened a memorable 1950s colour football film of a Del-St. Mike's 0-0 clash that was witnessed for the very first time by some of the game's participants.

Classes are sponsored by Continuing Education at the University of St. Michael's College and feature very reasonable fees because of a partnership between Continuing Education and all employees of participating Catholic school boards including Toronto, York, Halton and Simcoe Muskoka. For example, Bill MacDonald '60, a retired Toronto Catholic board administrator and St. Mike's alumnus who lost touch with the school, has returned every year since 2002 to take the course and rekindle his connections with St. Mike's. There are usually six classes per course cycle and these will re-start in November 2007. Call 416-926-7254 or e-mail continuinged.stmikes@utoronto.ca to register or speak to Larry Colle at 416-452-2016 or lcolle@sympatico.ca.

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07|08 SCHEDULE



October '07	November '07	December '07
2 Parents' Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	6 Parents' Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	4 Parents' Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
11 Academic Awards Night – 7:30 p.m.	7 Grade 9 – Take your Kids to Work Day / Academic Awards Night – 7:30 p.m.	6 Advent Mass
13 Homecoming	9 Special Schedule – Remembrance Day	6 Christmas in the Courtyard
18 University Information Night – 7:00 p.m.	22 Fashion Show – La Primavera Banquet Hall	12 – 21 Christmas Examinations
19 Grade 9 – 12 School Dance	Nov. 26 – Dec. 3 Christmas Food Drive	20 Class of 2007 Annual Christmas Dinner
25/30 Open House for Prospective Students 7:30 p.m.	28 – 29 Christmas Concert	24 Jan. 4 Christmas Holidays
	30 Alumni Turkey Roll	
January '08	February '08	March '08
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 Christmas Holidays	5 Parents' Association General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	4 Parents' Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
7 Classes Resume	6 Ash Wednesday Mass	10 – 21 March Break
8 Parents' Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	12 – 16 Broadway Musical – Leah Posluns Theatre	21 Good Friday
9 – 11 Grade 8 Winter Camp at Camp Wanakita	22 School Dance	24 Easter Monday
		25 Classes Resume
April '08	May '08	June '08
1 Parents' Association General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	5 – 9 Art Celebration Week	2 – 13 Final Examinations
17 Order of St. Michael Induction Dinner	5 – 6 Grade 12 Retreat	12 Parents' Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
17 – 20 Grade 9 & 10 Band Trip	6 General Parents' Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	14 Spring BBQ Classes of 1998 – 2007
22 – 25 Alumni Visits to Grade 12 Class	7 Year End Mass	16 Coach "P" Golf Classic
30 – May 1 Spring Concert	9 "Club Blue Note Night"	19 Grade 8 Graduation
	23 Athletic Banquet	19 Welcome Day for New Grade 7 Students
	26 Annual Golf Tournament	20 Welcome Day for New Grade 9 Students
		20 Grade 12 Grad Formal – Liberty Grand
		26 Grade 12 Graduation

Name: _____

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